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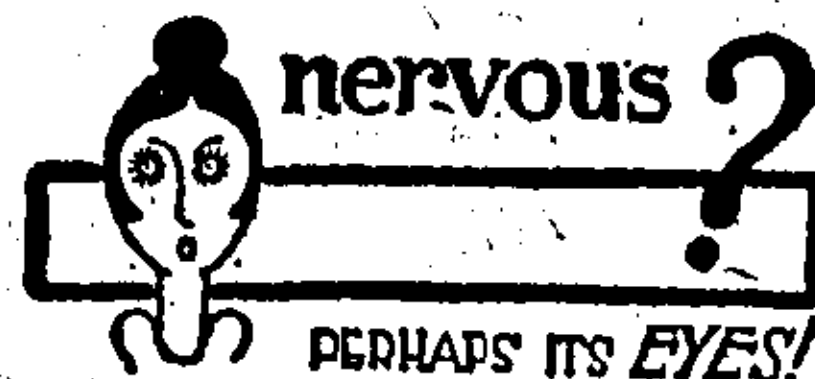
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THRILLING STORY OF BIAS BAY PIRACY

WHO IS BEHIND THE "HAICHING" PIRACY?

SPECIAL "MAIL" INTERVIEW REVEALS
SECRET ORGANISATION

A VISIT TO THE SHIP FULL AND EXCLUSIVE ACCOUNT OF THE OUTRAGE

[By The "Mail" Special Staff Writer]

"The a deep-laid organisation behind the affair," a high official cor me this morning, when I interviewed him concerning the piracy of the Douglas Company's steamer "Haiching." "We have evidence to show that an unusually clever brain has planned this and previous outrages in Bias Bay. That brain has spies and agents in Hong Kong, all along the coast, and even in the shipping companies. It knows exactly the amount of money carried on board and also the importance of each passenger, as well as his business.

"Can you lay your hand on this mysterious individual?" I asked. My informant smiled deprecatingly. "Of course, we have our suspicions," he replied. "But of what value are they? He may be an individual occupying an important position. On the other hand, he may be anybody. But I think we are on the right track."

The official led me to the door. "Mind you, he said, this is not for publication."

ON BOARD THE BLACKENED HULK

Press representatives were not allowed on board the "Haiching" this morning, by strict orders of the Police, who have been extremely reticent about the whole affair—not to say silent. Nevertheless, a "China Mail" representative went out to her in a motor launch at 11.40 this morning and succeeded in getting aboard without any difficulty.

A Sorry Spectacle
A sorry spectacle met my eyes (he writes). Amidships as well as forward the deck was a blackened mass of charred woodwork, twisted metal and remnants of the passengers' belongings. In one corner was a half-burnt suit case, showing a sponge, toothbrush and some Chinese visiting cards. The remnants of packages containing biscuits and other food littered the scuppers and patches of blood were still visible.

No attempt had been made to clear up the wreckage, until the Police had made a thorough examination. A detachment of Chinese police paraded the deck, whilst Indian constables, armed with rifles, guarded the entrance to the saloon, in which an unusual scene was being enacted.

Crew Examined
The saloon was turned into a court-room. At one table the Chief Officer and Second Officer were consulting, writing a report for the Company. They looked tired out, and each wore a worried expression. At another table, a member of the crew was being closely examined by a detective, and his answers carefully taken down. Everything was in disorder.

At last, someone observed my presence, and I was politely asked to leave the ship. As I descended the gangway, an R.A.F. launch came alongside, and a Naval officer, accompanied by four R.A.F. officers, came aboard, made a thorough examination of the vessel, and took notes.

Americans on Board
This morning I was informed by the American Vice-Consul that three American passengers were aboard the "Haiching" at the time of the piracy, but none was injured. Their names up to the moment of publication are not known.

The "Haiching" had a slight list to port. Her funnel, black and charred, was inclined at a minor angle toward the one-time bridge, with a few ventilators showing up prominently amongst the debris on the deck—destroyed by fire.

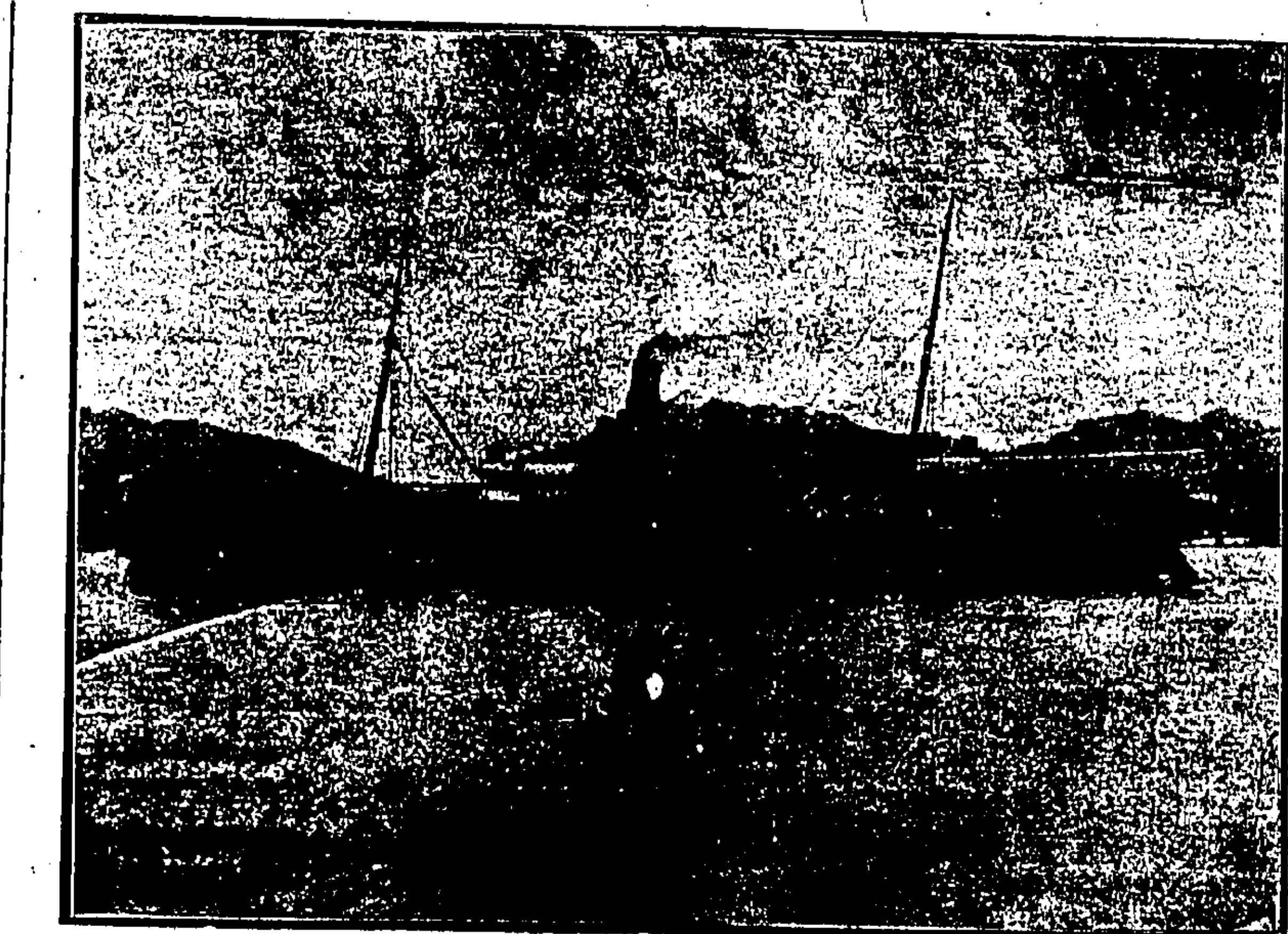
A few sampans collected around her sides, at the gangway at which were several police launches.

The hulk presented a dreadful sight.

The Douglas Steamship Company, agents of the "Haiching," received at six o'clock yesterday morning the first intimation by wireless from the ship that it had been pirated off Chiling Point.

Half an hour afterwards two more messages were received, one to the effect that the ship was being pirated, was on fire, and might sink at any time, while the second, from the ship's master, read:—

"Attempted piracy repulsed with loss; ship on fire amidships; first and third officer wounded and two Indian guards missing."



The ill-fated Steamer "Haiching."

which was done before the ship sailed. When the first shot was heard, the ship's siren was repeatedly sounded, and thus gave a general alarm. It is said that Mr. Parry drew his revolver and rushed up to the bridge with a view to assisting in the defence, but on the way met the pirate who had shot Mr. Woodward. Before he had an opportunity to fire Mr. Parry shot him through the stomach.

After the first few exchanges of

he got through a number of other messages.

A Pirate's Fate
The pirates did not neglect the engine-room, for at one stage three of them went down with revolvers and asked the engineers if the latter knew of a "back" way which led from the engine-room to the bridge. They were told to follow the engineers, but apparently did not want to do so.

A conference followed and two of the three pirates decided they were not so very anxious, after all, to get up to the bridge.

The third man followed one of the engineers who, realising that he was alone with a solitary pirate, took a chance and attacked his armed opponent, knocking him unconscious with a heavy blow. This pirate's fate, in view of the subsequent fire, is not known.

Pistol Battle
When the first shots were exchanged, it was still dark, and the officers had to use their electric torches frequently in the course of the pistol battle with the pirates. Knowing that the pirates would fire at any torch because there must be a man behind the light, the off-

cers held their electric lamps at arm's length, about a yard from the body. In this way, they were able to see their opponents with comparatively small risk of their opponents seeing them.

Another Version

The pirates made an attack on the bridge of the "Haiching" at about 1 a.m. on Sunday. Finding their efforts foiled by the stout resistance of the guards, they then set fire to the officers' cabins, situated underneath the bridge.

A desperate battle ensued, for possession of the grille, but the marauders were again beaten off. One Indian guard, who, together with his companions, fought with the utmost gallantry, was killed. Two others were wounded. The Third Officer, Mr. Woodward, was also severely wounded, and died after his arrival in Hong Kong.

Officials of the company speak in the highest terms of the assistance rendered by the Naval authorities. Several ships were sent out immediately the facts of the piracy became known.

Captain Farrar has nothing but praise for the exemplary conduct of his crew, and especially his guards.

News Broadcast

On receipt of the news of the piracy, the Naval Authorities immediately broadcast an SOS to ships in the vicinity of the "Haiching," to go to her assistance.

fore continued her voyage to Hong Kong.

Official Police Report
A Police report issued at about midnight reads as follows:—
The s.s. "Haiching," British steamer, 2,080 tons registered, in Hong Kong, left Swatow at 4 p.m. Saturday, December 7, with 300 passengers, including one British passenger, and three American lady passengers. About 2 a.m. on December 8 a gang of pirates,

other to Kowloon. All are being closely questioned by Criminal Investigation Department men as to their place of residence in China, their business connections, etc., and the reason for their making the trip to Hong Kong on the "Haiching."

Those who were able to establish their bona fides were released, whilst others were detained for further investigation, and verification of their claims. As a Police officer put it this morning, the work of "shuffling up" this large number of Chinese, many of them very ignorant people who usually come in large batches from Foochow, Amoy and Swatow for the purpose of emigration to Singapore and elsewhere as labourers, is not an easy task for the investigators, and will probably take a couple of days.

No difficulty was experienced in establishing the identity of Chinese members of the crew of the "Haiching," or the better class Chinese passengers, most of whom have business and other connections here and have no difficulty in producing local residents to vouch as to their character, etc. It is believed that by the system of "wedding" employed by the C.I.D. men it is impossible for any pirates to pass through the sieve by posing as Chinese business men.

Although they might have passage tickets in their possession—the pirates resorting to the usual ruse of boarding the vessel as passengers—it would be very difficult for them to prove any claim they might make to being law-abiding persons. They cannot hope to bluff their way to release under the close scrutiny of the C.I.D., who will not be content with anything but the most conclusive proof.

When dealing with the steerage passengers, the investigators, of course, have to be much more careful, as it is realised that it would be easier for the pirates to pass off as harmless emigrants, and the chances are that they will all try to free themselves in this way. However, in this part of the investigation the C.I.D. men will have the assistance of Emigration Officers of the Harbour Office who are used to the handling of emigrants and should be able to "spot" pretenders.

Police Headquarters presented the usual quiet appearance this morning, except for the fact that a large crowd of curious Chinese had gathered in Hollywood Road outside the iron gates at the foot of the incline leading up to the compound. These had evidently learned of the piracy from vernacular papers and had collected in the hope of catching a glimpse of the pirates, who, someone had started the rumour, would be produced before the Court.

Courts Thronged
The Courts were also thronged this morning, but the curious might have employed their time to better purpose, as it was reliably learned by a "China Mail" man that no one of the large number of men undergoing examination have yet been singled out or identified as pirates, although it is certain that some are in Police hands.

Capt. O. H. Farrar of the "Haiching" was at Police Headquarters this morning, and was in close conference with the Hon. C.S.P. and Mr. P. P. Y. Woodhouse, who it is understood is going for Mr. G. C. Parry, D.C.L., who was yesterday accidentally shot in the ankle on board H.M.S. "Sirdar," one of the vessels which had gone out to meet the "Haiching."

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FOREIGNERS REPAIR RAILWAY

STRENGTH OF THE REBEL
FORCES

POSITION OF BRITONS

Shanghai, To-day.
The Shanghai-Nanking Railway, which was cut in three places by the rebels, has been restored by railway gangs under the supervision of foreign engineers.

The rebels' forces, which are estimated variously from 2,000 to 10,000 have left southward by a line of trains running spasmodically to-day.

His Majesty's "Suffolk" left for Nanking this morning but it is understood that it has not yet been deemed necessary to take foreign residents in Nanking aboard.—Reuter.

Line Cut Again

Shanghai, To-day.
The Shanghai-Nanking railway was again cut during the night between Anting and Hwangtu. Rails are being pulled up from the bridge 24 or 25 miles from Shanghai.

The foreign delegates attending the Provisional Court Conference in Nanking got through safely, but a freight train from Nanking was overturned at four o'clock this morning.—Reuter.

[Earlier cables appear on page 7.]

STORY OF STORM HAVOC

WIND VELOCITY RECORD FOR
BRITAIN

SHIPS IN DISTRESS

Rugby, Yesterday.
The exceptionally violent gale, which struck Southern England on Friday night and continued yesterday, was renewed with severity to-day, and the forecast indicates a continuation of stormy weather.

At its height the velocity of the wind yesterday reached 108 miles an hour, which is a record for Britain. This figure was recorded at Scilly Islands.

There were many casualties on land and sea.

Off Hartland Point on the rugged coast of North Devon, the Cardiff steamer "Radyr" (2,000 tons) with a crew of 21 was lost. She was seen appealing for help which, owing to mountainous seas, could not be given, and then disappeared. Lifeboats from Appledore and Clevedon attempted to put to sea but the vessels could not be launched.

After several unsuccessful attempts the Padstow lifeboat put to sea to search for survivors, but it is unlikely that any could have survived. The last heard from the vessel before she settled down was that the crew were taking to the boats.

A Daring Exploit

Reports of many other ship wrecks and disasters at sea during yesterday's gale have come to hand.

The crew of the small French steamer "Ornaïs," of Trouville, which went ashore at Penzance, probably owe their lives to the daring exploit of a young man named Laitly. The high seas and dangerous rocks prevented the lifeboat from approaching "Ornaïs," and the hurricane rendered hopeless attempts to save the crew by rocket apparatus. Laitly dashed into the sea and gained a rock, from which he was able to pass a rope to the "Ornaïs." While so engaged one of the crew was washed overboard but Laitly rescued him. All the crew were saved.

Blue Star Liner

Temporary repairs to her rudder having been effected the Blue Star liner "Andalucia," bound from London to South America with 122 passengers, was able to dispense with the assistance of an Admiralty tug which was despatched from Plymouth in answer to her earlier messages.

The crew of the barge "Mystery," of Harwich, which broke away from her moorings in Dover Harbour and was driven ashore, were saved by the breeches buoy.

Lifeboats from Nowhavan succeeded in taking off the crew of the four-masted Norwegian barque "Mogen Koch," which was driven ashore near Eastbourne.

Crews of Shoreham and Selsey lifeboats had a very hard time spending the whole of Friday night and part of Saturday at sea in efforts to assist the Hungarian vessel "Hovned" which, however, was in the end able to proceed.

All shipping was stormbound yesterday in the Mersey River.

In Imminent Danger

Reports from Brest this evening stated that several vessels are in imminent danger off the Brittany coast. Singers asking for assistance were received late in the afternoon by several wireless stations on the South coast of Ireland and England from vessels which had become unmanageable in the storm, and several others reported themselves in temporary difficulties.

The Cross-Channel services were suspended yesterday owing to the storm, but were resumed to-day under great difficulties.

Anxiety for Art Treasures

The progress of the Italian steamer "Leonardo da Vinci" which is now believed to be in the Bay of Biscay with her \$14,000,000 cargo of art treasures being brought to Britain for next month's exhibition of Italian art in London, is being watched with some anxiety owing to the heavy gales.

When she arrives in London she will be piloted to her berth, where Lady Chamberlain, Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, with Sir Austen Chamberlain and others, including probably Mr. Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary, will extend greetings to Signor Woblgliani, Commissioner General for Italy to the exhibition, who is on board. British Wireless Service.

FULL HONOURS AT GALLANT OFFICER'S FUNERAL

The following are the
casualties:—

KILLED:—

Mr. K. A. Woodward (third officer).

A Malay Quartermaster (name unknown).

A Chinese girl (name unknown).

WOUNDED:—

Crew

Mr. R. Parry (Chief Officer).

Cheung Ngau (29), stoker.

Chiu Sheung-cheun (32), captain's boy.

Omar (40), Malay quartermaster.

Ching Chuen (30), cook.

Tung Chik-seng (52), second steward.

Li Lit-kwoon (19), cabin boy.

Surtar Singh, Indian guard.

Passengers

Li Sit-fan (17).

Chan Chik-ling (38).

Cheung Yau-shing (15).

Ng Chuen-fai (26).

Hong Shun-chiu (35).

Lum Lun-fai (28).

Lo Ki (46).

Lai Wal-yuen (14).

Suspects

Lo Sul-fan (36).

Shu Kan-yu (24).

Chiu King-kwan (29).

Chan Mok (50).

Lo Shun-fan (38).

Chan Kan-kwai (37).

Lau Loi (53).

shot, the parties checkmated each other, for whereas the officers were on one side of the grille, the pirates were on the other. The latter made all sorts of demands, but there were left unheeded, as were their threats.

Not knowing what the next move would be, the pirates then resorted to desperate measures and proceeded to set fire to the ship near the grille, with the double purpose of scaring the officers and of smoking them out of their defence. Fortunately the wind was in favour of the officers, and the smoke and fire were carried towards the pirates instead of their intended victims.

Plucky Operator

The Chinese wireless operator (Mr. Chung Yan-tak), stuck to his post stoutly throughout the early stages of the outrage, and in spite of the pirates' threats, refused to give any messages to the marauders. He was, however, severely wounded by a bullet which struck him in the chest.

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10	6.52	5.40
11	6.53	5.40
12	6.53	5.40
13	6.54	5.40
14	6.54	5.41
15	6.55	5.41
16	6.55	5.41
17	6.56	5.42
18	6.57	5.42
19	6.57	5.43
20	6.58	5.43
21	6.58	5.44
22	6.59	5.44
23	6.59	5.45
24	7.00	5.45
25	7.00	5.46
26	7.01	5.46
27	7.01	5.47
28	7.02	5.48
29	7.02	5.48
30	7.02	5.49
31	7.03	5.49

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Wylie Krenelin, from Shanghai.
S. LACK, Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 5th Dec., 1929.

DOCKYARD R.C.**Annual Presentation of Prizes****ENJOYABLE CONCERT**

All the available space in the Royal Dockyard Recreation Club was fully occupied on Saturday night on the occasion of the annual presentation of prizes. Mr. E. E. Benham, M.I.E.E., made an ideal Chairman, ably supported by Mr. W. Bickford, and for once in a way speeches were vetoed. The very large audience were treated to a very fine programme, which included:—

Part I.
Pianoforte Selection—Mr. G. E. Longyear.
Song—"The Homeland Hills," Mr. H. Anniss.
Comic song—Mr. H. Beer.
Song—"Melisande"—Mrs. Wilson.
Conjuring—Mr. Savage.
Song—"When the Sergeant Major's on Parade"—Mr. J. Cornelius.
Violin solo—Mr. Stacey.
Song—"Captain Mac"—Mr. Brock.
Part II.
Songs—"Farmer's Boy" and "Devon, Glorious Devon"—Mr. Brock.
Song—"Pom" and "More Kids"—Mr. Brock.
Song—"The Leader of the Town Brass Band"—Mr. Cornelius.
Mr. Dick Barty at the Piano.
Song—"Mary Stuart's Song"—Mrs. Wilson.
Conjuring and card tricks—Mr. Savage.
Song—"The Ballad Monger"—Mr. Anniss.
Violin solo—Mr. Stacey.
The programme was a thoroughly enjoyable one, and was only brought to a close by the approach of midnight.

The Prizes.
During an appropriate interval the prizes won during the year were graciously presented by Mrs. S. R. Tickner as follows:—

Swimming.
Musical Lifebuoy: Miss George.
Diving Competition: Mr. Dudley Bartlett.
Inter-Departmental Relay: Chief Engineer's Department (Messrs. Faulkner, Jackson and Moore).
Ladies' Handicap: Miss George.
Club Championship: Mr. L. Faulkner.
Greasy Pole: Master Ursell.
"Not" Handicap: Mr. Moore.
Mixed Relay: (1) Miss George and Mr. Pankhurst; (2) Mrs. Othen and Mr. Marlow.
Obstacle Race: Miss George.
Dockyard "Derby": Mr. L. Faulkner.
Lifebuoy Race: Master Ursell.
Tennis.
Club Championship: Mr. Matthews (Winner); Mr. Hamby (Runner-up).
Doubles Handicap: Messrs. Moore and Hamby (Winner); Messrs. Kirman and Soltley (Runner-up).
Singles Handicap "A": Mr. Hamby (Winner); Mr. Matthews (Runner-up).
Singles Handicap "B": Mr. Davey (Winner); Mr. Willmott (Runner-up).
League: Mrs. Gull and Mr. Luck (Winner); Mrs. Osborne and Mr. Matthews (Runner-up).
Old v. Young Players—Won by Old Players.
Shooting.
Club Championship: Mr. Bullen (Winner); Mr. Young (Runner-up).
Officers' Challenge Cup: Mr. Bullen (Winner); Mr. Young (Runner-up).
Handicap: Mr. Young (Winner); Master Ursell (Runner-up).
Billiards.
Handicap: Mr. Faulkner (Winner); Mr. Colesworthy (Runner-up).
Snooker.
Handicap: Mr. Cook (Winner); Mr. Lewis (Runner-up).
Inter-Departmental Competition (Shield presented by Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G.): Electrical Department.
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Votes of thanks were accorded to Mrs. Tickner Mr. Bickford, the artists and those responsible for the decorations of the Club-house, the proceedings concluding with the National Anthem.

**ENTENTE CORDIALE
Governor of Macao And The Press**

An enjoyable garden party, which was largely attended by the local Portuguese community, was held at the Club de Recreio, Kowloon, on Saturday afternoon, in honour of H.E. the Governor of Macao and Mme. Tamaglini, who are returning to Macao from furlough in Portugal.
Later H.E. and party left for the sister Colony on the Portuguese gunboat "Macao."
Just before sailing His Excellency very graciously sent his Private Secretary to these offices to take leave of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald" and express appreciation of these two papers' efforts in furthering the cause of the Macao-Hong Kong Entente Cordiale.

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RADIO DANCE**Gay Scene At The City Hall****THE PRIZE WINNERS**

Designated as extremely interesting by those who attended it, the Radio Exhibition at the City Hall, Hong Kong, terminated its three-day run on Saturday night with an enjoyable fancy dress dance. It was estimated that between 140 and 160 people attended the function, which was voted to be in every way a success.

The latest dance music was played by the popular "Semreh" orchestra from H.M.S. "Hermes," by kind permission of the Ship's Commander, and was relayed from the Government Radio Studio through two receivers. The hall was brightly decorated with the flags of various nations and, combined with the charming evening dresses and original fancy costumes, presented a scene of considerable animation.

Mr. and Mrs. Younghusband acted as judges and selected the following prize winners:
Best fancy dress (ladies): Miss Maud Wicheil, as Dolly Varden—handsome cut glass toilet set.
Best fancy dress (men): Mr. F. Woolton, as a lion tamer—case of pipes.
Spot light competition: Mr. Smith and partner; Miss Burridge and Mr. Castle. The prizes for this competition were chocolates for the ladies and fancy ash trays for the men.

Mrs. Younghusband presented the prizes. Refreshments were supplied by the Hotel Savoy.

**DEATH FROM KICK
Lance-Sergeant Charged With Assault**

The death occurred on Saturday at 4.30 p.m. of a Chinese woman, aged 50 years, named Leung Tat. She was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital on December 2, suffering from internal injuries as the result of an alleged assault by a Shantung Lance-Sergeant, Pi Shih-hsu.

It is alleged that the woman attempted to obstruct the Sergeant in the execution of his duty.

The Hearing of the Case.
On December 4, Lance-Sergeant Pi Shih-hsu was formally charged before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham, at the Central Magistracy, with assaulting and injuring the woman in Eastern Street.

As the woman was in the Government Civil Hospital, the Magistrate gave an adjournment for 48 hours to see how she progressed, as she was reported to be in a critical condition and at one time it was thought necessary to take her dying deposition.

The allegations against the Sergeant are that, whilst in the execution of his duty, he kicked the woman in the stomach, and injured her so severely that she had to be rushed away to the hospital, where her condition, aggravated by an internal disease, caused grave anxiety.

On the other side it is alleged that when the Sergeant went to interview the woman's son regarding some alleged trouble, the woman obstructed the Sergeant in the execution of his duty.

LESSON-SERMON**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong**

"God the only cause and creator" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 8.

The Golden Text was: "I will extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy name, for ever and ever. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts" (Ps. 145: 1, 4).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and His maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded. Look unto me, and be ye saved: for I am God, and there is none else" (Isa. 45: 11, 12, 22).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science text-book: "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The divine Principle, or Spirit, comprehends and expresses all, and all must therefore be as perfect as the divine Principle is perfect. Dethy was satisfied with His work. How could He be otherwise, since the spiritual creation was the outgrowth; the emanation, of His infinite self-containment, and immortal wisdom?" (p. 519).



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S.O.S. MESSAGES

Rugby, Saturday.
Another violent storm, with winds of hurricane force, accompanied by lightning and thunder and torrential rain, struck the South of England last night. It is reported that over the Scilly Islands the wind reached a velocity of over 100 miles an hour. It swept up the English Channel, causing damage to shipping caught in the heavy seas, and to life and property in coastal towns.

The small Rotterdam steamship "Merwede" was driven ashore near Newhaven and a lifeboat went to her assistance, but owing to the seas was unable to approach. A rocket apparatus was requisitioned, and after some exciting incidents the crew were brought ashore by a breeches buoy. The ship was frequently obscured by seas during the operations.

Eight Hours' Work

"Shoreham" and "Selsey" lifeboats responded to signals that the Budapest steamer "Hovend" of over 4,000 tons was drifting towards the shore. A cable ship which was in the vicinity later reported that the "Hovend" was holding her own and that she was standing by, although it was too rough to pass a tow-rope to the "Hovend". The "Shoreham" lifeboat returned after eight hours, but the return of the "Selsey" lifeboat was further delayed by the weather.

The Boulogne to Folkestone cross-channel steamer had to be diverted to Dover, and was only able to make harbour after lying outside the port for an hour. Channel services, however, were run as usual this morning.

Rockets in Action

The steamer "Largo Law" was out of control owing to a damaged steering gear off Dungeness this morning. The crew of a tug which went ashore near Dover were rescued by a rocket apparatus. The British steamer "John Charlton" went ashore near Newhaven but the crew were saved. A tug this morning responded to calls of the Spanish steamer "Alfonso Perez," whose steering gear was damaged in a storm off Great Yarmouth. The Italian steamers "Cassino" and "Volturno," both off Land's End, also summoned assistance owing to damaged helm engines and pumps. Several shipping casualties involving travellers and other small craft are also reported.

Some damage was done by lightning during last night's storm but most of the havoc was wrought by the wind. One woman was killed and another injured owing to the blowing down of a wall in Eastbourne. Many injuries were caused through pedestrians being blown against moving motor cars. In London, windows were blown in, and telephonic wires brought down. Some roads in the suburbs were flooded, notably at Wembley, where owing to the depth of water in certain places traffic was stopped. Although last night's rains increased the volume of water in the Thames, there is no immediate danger of flooding in the London area.

Fears for "Argosy" Ship

London, Yesterday.
The thoughts of the whole country as to-day with these at sea, whose plight is emphasized by the broadcasting stations, who are interrupting their programmes to send out verbal S. O. S. messages on behalf of distressed steamers.

Lifeboats, for many hours impotent, finally abandoned all caution, and performed valiantly, here towing in crippled ships, and there landing shipwrecked crews.

The South Coast is strewn with wrecks. The 2,600-ton steamship "Radye" disappeared on the Devon coast with a crew of 26.

SHIPPING SECTION.

The "Mersey-side" is stormbound, and incoming trans-Atlantic liners are not attempting to land passengers. So far, the usual daily wireless has not been received from the Leonardo da Vinci, which is battling the elements somewhere in the Bay of Biscay, with inestimable treasures.

The arrangements to bring the King's contributions to the Italian Art Exhibition from Windsor Castle to-day, were cancelled owing to the flooded roads.—Reuter.

HARBOUR CRASH

British & U.S. Vessels Involved

New York, Yesterday.
The British liner "Transylvania" and the American "Creole" came into collision in the harbour here to-day. Both returned to their piers. They were not badly damaged.

The "Transylvania," after repairs, has sailed for Glasgow.—Reuters American Service.

NEW SERVICE AMERICA, & SUMATRA

Sourabaya, Saturday.
The Norwegian Klaveness line is commencing on January 1 a new service between American and Pacific ports, and Java and Sumatra. The route will be via Shanghai-Hong Kong-Singapore-Penang-Belawan Deli.—South Sumatra-Java-Macassar and Balikpapan, where steamers will return direct to America.

The service to North China will be provisionally combined with the Dutch East Indies service, but the latter will be maintained with five new 9,000-ton motorships.

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"KUTSANG" IN A COLLISION

DAMAGE TO A CHINESE WARSHIP

A GAPING HOLE

[From Our Own Correspondent.]
Messrs. Jarino, Matheson's s.s. "Kut-sang," en route to the North, collided the other day with the Chinese warship "Hoy Ying" which was conveying the 65th division from Swatow. There was a fleet of several vessels besides the warship, and when the accident occurred a number of Chinese junkies happened to be crossing the line of route. One junk swung across the bows of the "Kut-sang" which, in order to avoid cutting it to pieces, had to swing sharply over and, in doing so, struck the "Hoy Ying."

The "Kut-sang" escaped scot free, but a gaping hole was made in the bows of the warship above the water-line. However, the latter was able to continue her voyage and arrived safely at Canton. It is understood that no blame attaches to the "Kut-sang."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The E. & A. s.s. "St. Albans" left Manila for this port on December 7, p.m., with the outward Australian Mail, and is due here on December 10, a.m.

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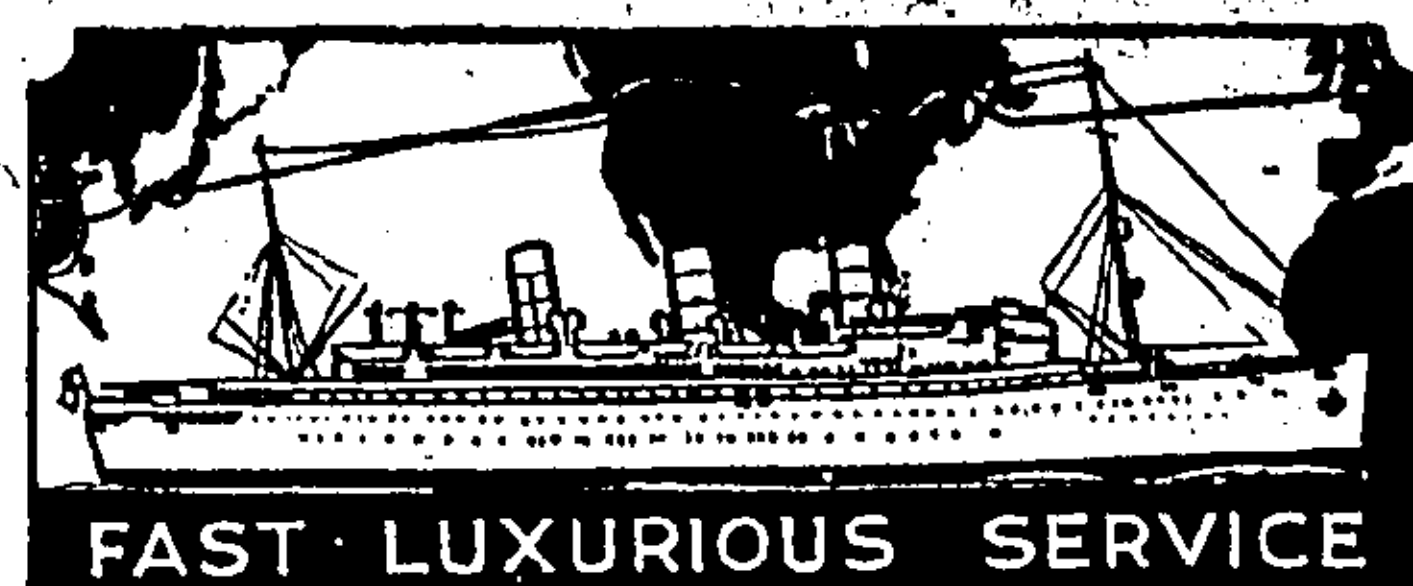
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A CRITICISM

We have made a point of listening to many of the vaudeville programmes recently, and some of the articles come over very well. But (says a Home paper) it is difficult to understand why the B.B.C. persist in engaging vocalists who cannot sing in time. We refer to the wobbling singer who bleats a semitone each way—above and below the required note. The dissonance would appear to be highly infectious, judging by the number of victims, and we are sorry to have to be ungallant enough to say that sopranos seem to be principally affected with the malady. "I can't give you anything but I—oo—oo—oo," wobbled one lady. Really anything else but love would be preferable!

A correspondent complained some time ago about the excessive vibrato when a certain violinist was playing, but in this case it is less objectionable because a slight tremolo helps to give the romantic string effect, and this is especially so with a cello, but it must not be overdone.

Another question we should like to put to the B.B.C. is, how many people appreciate or enjoy modern contemporary music. The bright young men at Savoy Hill would appear to be under the impression that if a composer is "modern," he is sure to have something interesting to say. We are of opinion that compositions of this character merely waste everybody's time, and the word "modern" is simply a cloak for incompetence.

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*ALIPORE	5,273	19th Dec.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
MALWA	10,980	21st Dec.	Marseilles & London.
YEHYER	9,114	28th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	1930	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
LAHORE	5,304	11th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.

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TILAWA	10,006	1st Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALAMBA	8,018	3rd Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	6,949	14th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALIA	10,000	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKIWA	7,936	10th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SHIRALA	7,841	22nd Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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*JEYPORE	5,319	18th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHIVA	9,135	21st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*MIRZAPUR	6,715	21st Dec.	Moji & Kobe.
TAKADA	6,949	24th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MAINTUA	10,848	3rd Jan.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yham.
NELLORE	5,853	7th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yham.

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"HAICHING" PIRACY

(Continued from Page 1.)

Unusual Bustle
Other Police Officials attached to the C.I.D. were absent from their offices, but were doubtless either at Headquarters or at Kowloon conducting the examination of the suspects. There was some unusual bustle on the first floor, left wing, of the Headquarters building and officers were seen hurrying about on the verandah entering and leaving the various inner offices of the C.I.D., admission to which could be had only by Police Officers.

It was not difficult to realise, however, that the suspects are being examined there.

The only things connected with the piracy that were in an exposed position for anyone to see were four rifles. These were on the ground floor of the Headquarters building leaning against the wall just outside the Office of the Director of Criminal Intelligence.

Tell-Tale Weapons

The rifles were of the old Lee-Enfield pattern with long barrels and no magazines. They are single shot rifles which have to be reloaded after each round had been fired. From outer appearance they were not well kept. The barrels were rusty and one of the rifles had its sight knocked out, whilst on another there was a mark on the wood of the butt which looked like blood-stain. The rifles seen by the "China Mail" man were all of military pattern, for, although antiquated, they had attachments for the fixing of bayonets.

THE HAICHING

Notes on Personnel of Vessel

The "Haiching" is a vessel of 2,000 tons net, and was built by Messrs. D. J. Dunlop and Co., of Glasgow. She is equipped with wireless, as are all the Douglas ships. The master is Captain O. H. Farrar, and the first officer is Mr. Robert Parry. The second is Mr. A. J. Johnstone and the third officer, who died from wounds, Mr. K. A. Woodward. The chief engineer is Mr. P. C. Duxon, and the second and third engineers are Mr. E. Kewell and Mr. A. de Mello. The wireless operator is Mr. Chong Yan Tak.

The vessel left Swatow for Hong Kong at 4 p.m. on Saturday with 260 Chinese passengers on board and several Europeans.

The regular commander was not on board the ship. Mr. Mar Chum-sau, owing to illness in his family, missed this trip, and his assistant was acting in his place.

It is learned that the last piracy on board a Douglas steamer occurred in 1890, when the "Namoo" was attacked. On that occasion the vessel was on the way from Hong Kong to Swatow. Practically all the pirates were later caught on the Yangtze and brought back to Hong Kong, where they were tried and executed.

MR. C. G. PERDUE

A "China Mail" representative who called at the Kowloon Hospital this morning to inquire about Mr. C. G. Perdue, Assistant Superintendent of Police, who was accidentally shot on board H.M.S. "Sirdar" by a bluejacket in the right ankle yesterday, was informed that his condition was satisfactory. Mr. Perdue is to undergo an operation to-day for the extraction of the bullet.

SUNNING PIRACY

How Control was Wrested Back

The attack by pirates on the "Haiching" recalls the gallant defence of the s.s. "Sunning" by her officers. The Sunning was pirated on November 16, 1926. The pirates secured a complete control which was eventually wrested from them the attention of the two pirates on the bridge being distracted by ship's officers who felled them with the sounding lead and immediately took possession of their arms.

When, a moment later, a pirate appeared he was immediately shot dead. Other officers and a lady passenger were hoisted to the bridge from the Chief Officer's cabin through the skylight. For three hours the small party on the bridge resisted desperate attempts by the pirates to recover control of the bridge. Pirates were picked off one by one until at least ten were lying dead. In the fire which was started to drive the officers from the bridge several pirates were incinerated. Many others were captured and in due course met their well-deserved fate.

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Tian via S'ow & S'hai	FOOHSANG	Sun. 22nd Dec. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	SUISANG	Wed. 18th Dec. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & KUMSANG		Wed. 1st Jan. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & HOSANG		Sun. 10th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Kobe		10th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Spore, Penang & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Wed. 18th Dec. at 3 p.m.
Spore, Penang & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Sat. 20th Dec. at 3 p.m.
Spore, Penang & Calcutta	YUENSANG	Mon. 23rd Dec. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Fri. 27th Dec. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Sat. 4th Jan. at Noon
Tientsin via Foochow and	CHIPSING	Tues. 17th Dec. at 7 a.m.
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HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of the tides, from the result of the study of the tidal observations taken at the Kowloon tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doherty during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kowloon, but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small. The times of high and low water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

December 9 to 15, 1929.

Days	Standard Times	High Water	Standard Times	Low Water
Mon. 9	9 m 11 s	6.4 m	9 m 11 s	2.2 m
Tues. 10	10 m 23 s	3.8 m	10 m 41 s	2.3 m
Wed. 11	11 m 35 s	1.1 m	10 m 50 s	4.5 m
Thurs. 12	12 m 47 s	8.6 m	11 m 38 s	3.6 m
Fri. 13	13 m 59 s	5.4 m	0 m 4	3.9 m
Sat. 14	15 m 11 s	2.2 m	0 m 3	2.7 m
Sun. 15	16 m 23 s	8.8 m	0 m 3	2.9 m
	17 m 35 s	5.6 m	1 m 18 s	2.0 m
	18 m 47 s	2.4 m	1 m 46 s	1.5 m
	19 m 59 s	9.1 m	1 m 45 s	3.3 m

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMER

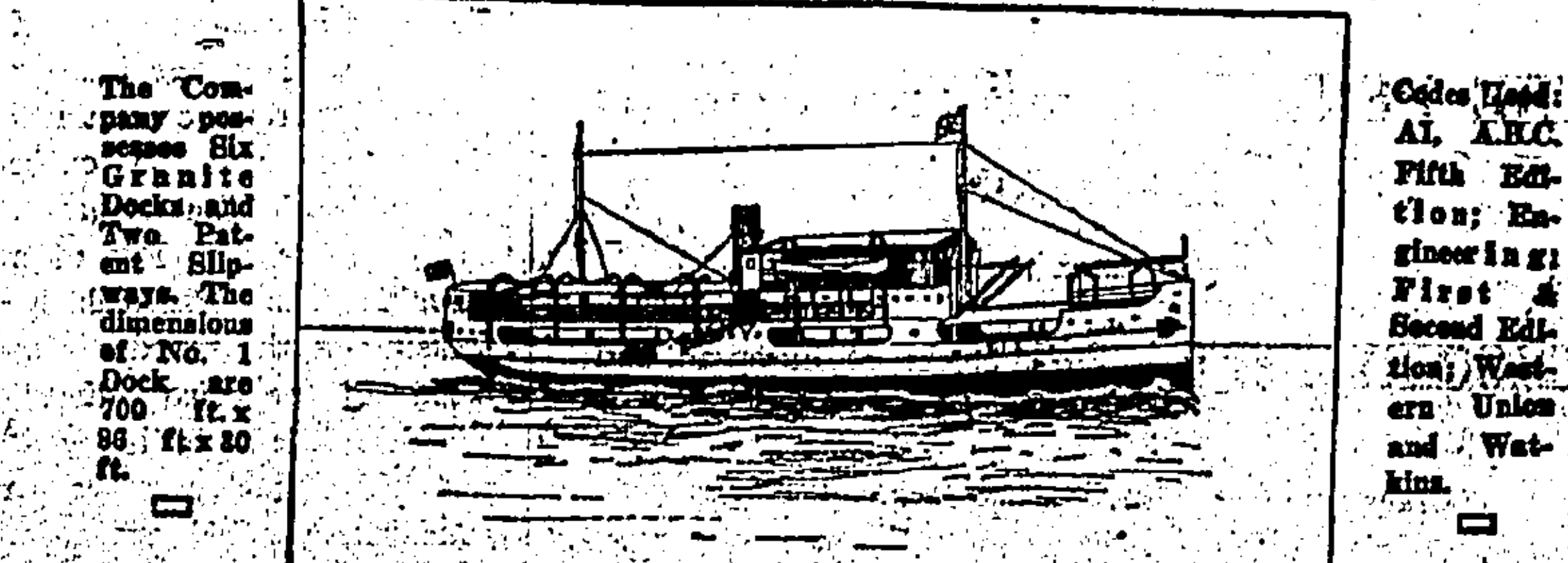
The Ben Line s.s. "Benarty" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on December 8, and is due to arrive here on December 14.

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AN EPIC OF THE SEA

To the epics of the China Sea that have been for generations, ever adding fresh lustre to the British Mercantile Marine and to the British Navy, inspiring ever deeper respect for the heroism of British sons of the sea, has to be added the grim victory of the steamer "Haiching." Incoherent and disconnected though the narrative may be at the moment, sufficient is known to envisage the battle for the bridge in the darkness of the night and to conjure up a picture of how the bloodthirsty pirates were baulked by British pluck and tenacity that never knows defeat. To the Captain and his officers, to the Indian guards, and to many of the passengers the congratulations of the whole foreign communities in the Orient will be extended, mingled with the deepest sympathy in the sad loss of many valuable lives. Particularly distressing is the murder in cold blood of the third officer, Mr. Woodward, and to his relatives, and to his employers the utmost condolences will be extended.

As on many other occasions in the past, the British Navy has gained further laurels in connection with the tragic occurrence. The destroyers "Sterling" and "Sirdar" lost no time in steaming to the scene on picking up the messages waited over the sea by the plucky wireless operator on the "Haiching." They performed most meritorious service in taking off the passengers and bringing them into Hong Kong,

giving such relief and succour to the wounded as was possible under very terrible and terrifying conditions. To the British Navy all doff their caps in a spontaneous tribute to the Silent Service. By the celerity of their action the British destroyers undoubtedly prevented a disaster of the first magnitude on the "Haiching" that would have revolted the hearts of men for decades to come. Baulked in their desperate attempt to gain control of the bridge, the pirates set fire to the steamer, which might have been burned to ashes, with a total loss of life, had relief not come in time. Truly are the officers and crews of the British destroyers no less heroes than those on board who fought the pirates and gained the victory.

The Naval authorities are to be commended for their action in giving Mr. Woodward, the third officer of the "Haiching," a funeral with full Naval honours this evening. It but rests with the entire community to pay their silent tribute to the gallant officer stricken down at the post of duty.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ft.-Lt. L. G. Nixon, R.A.F. was amongst the passengers who left the Colony on Saturday on the "Rawalpindi."

The second annual dance of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club will take place at Lane Crawford's Restaurant on January 10.

The total output of the Kailash Mining Administration's mines for the week ended November 23, amounted to 105,434 tons, and the sales during the period to 72,829 tons.

Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, of the Government Import and Export office, went on Home left on Saturday on the "Rawalpindi," accompanied by Mrs. Hawkins.

The St. Andrew's Church Branch of the Scripture Union will meet this evening in the Church Hall at 6 o'clock, when the speaker will be Miss Gibson, of Malaya.

Dr. R. E. Tottenham, Professor of the Hong Kong University, and a well-known tennis player, sailed for Home on Saturday on the "Rawalpindi," together with Mrs. Tottenham who is the ladies' tennis champion of the Colony.

The students and staff of St. Stephen's Girls' College and Fairlie School thank the following firms for generous gifts to the sale of work held on behalf of the Ministering Children's League, and other charities: Sun Company, French Store, Pathe Orient Company, Blue Bird Co., Dairy Farm, Ltd., Sincere Company, Book Wing & Co., John Hutchinson & Co., Nestle's Milk Co., Mr. L. Hoi-tang, Mr. Y. San Co., Lincoln & Co., and The Pharmacy.

Two Russians who stowed away from Shanghai by the M.V. "Malaya" were sentenced to three weeks' jail by Mr. W. Schofield at Kowloon Magistrate's this morning.

Five Chinese were charged at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning with stealing 92 yards of cable-wiring from the China Light and Power Co. The first man was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and the others to six weeks each.

At 11.15 a.m. on Saturday, a collision occurred at the corner of Waterloo and Prince Edward Roads Kowloon, between a China Bus Co.'s vehicle and a motor lorry. Fortunately, only minor damage was done, the bus needing the replacement of a lamp and mud-guard.

A social evening will be held in the Hall of St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday, at 9 o'clock. A special invitation is extended to the congregations of St. Andrew's and St. Peter's Churches. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance from the Cathedral congregation to meet those of the other two churches.

Naval Officers who sailed for Home on the P. & O. s.s. "Rawalpindi" on Saturday were:—Capt. J. D. Nares, D.S.O., Comdr. J. N. Pelly, Eng.-Comdr. H. L. Harvey, Eng.-Comdr. S. Chambers, Lt.-Comdr. C. C. L. Mackenzie, Lt.-Comdr. M. W. Noel (accompanied by Mrs. Noel), Lt.-Comdr. W. D. Brown, D.S.C., Lt. J. F. Blackburn and Lt. C. R. Carstairs.

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Barbaric Music

Their high-pitched chatter and camp-fire songs in their native tongues to barbaric music, faithfully reproduced by Movietone, is daily demonstrated at the Queen's Theatre.

Warner Baxter, Lois Moran and Gilbert Emery, the feathered players, are the United States entries in the cast, while Philip Strange, who plays the "heavy" role of Eric Durand, is an Englishman and his compatriots in the company include Claude King, Peter Gawthorne, Finch Smiles and John Rogers, Montague Shaw, portraying Hilary Galt whose murder motivates the story, is a native of Adelaide, Australia, Boris Karloff is a Russian and Jamel Hassen is a Persian. From Buenos Aires, Argentina, comes Mercedes De Valasco, a senorita of flashing eyes who has a vampish role. During the filming and recording of the picture, discussion of international problems were barred.

BRITAIN'S BIG NAVAL GUNS

IN A TURRET DURING PRACTICE

[By Hector C. Bywater]

H.M.S. "Repulse", Moray Firth

IN a large man-of-war everything is subordinated to the guns. The ship is simply a floating carriage for heavy artillery. If you go on board "Nelson" or "Rodney", which are over 700ft. long, you will find half the deck space occupied by the 16in. turrets. To take these nine monster guns to sea on a stable, mobile and well-protected platform it was necessary to build a ship of 35,000 tons.

Not so very long ago the Admiralty was thinking of building, and but for the Washington Conference would have built, battle-ships of 48,000 tons, armed with eight 18in. guns. In other words, 6,000 tons of platform had to be provided for every gun. A few 16in. guns were actually made during the war, and at least one of them mounted in a monitor, fired at the German positions in Flanders.

As the projectile weighed 1½ tons, the effect of a direct hit may be imagined.

Although figures convey little, a few details of "Nelson's" 16in. guns may give some idea of their tremendous power. Each gun is over 60ft. in length, weighs 103½ tons unmounted, and is loaded with 640lb. of cordite behind a shell weighing 2,461lb.—that is, well over a ton. This ponderous missile leaves the muzzle at a velocity of nearly 3,000ft. per second, and with the gun at maximum elevation, would reach a target 20 miles distant. Notwithstanding the formidable weights of shell and cartridge, the gun can be loaded twice a minute by the manipulation of a few levers.

Awe-inspiring Sight

I have seen "Nelson" and "Rodney" firing rapid salvos, and the spectacle is an awe-inspiring one. The whole ship seems to explode in orange-coloured flame and tawny smoke, for although cordite is supposed to be smokeless it is anything but that in reality. Before the dun-coloured clouds have drifted away they are stabbed by other flashes, and when the range is found salvo follows salvo with almost fabulous rapidity. Deep rumblings fill the air as the great projectiles speed on their way. They hit the water with a terrific smack that is easily mistaken for an explosion.

That any ship, however large and well armoured, could survive even one or two blows from such thunderbolts seems unbelievable. Yet German ships at Jutland were hit repeatedly by 15in. shells and still kept afloat. Our shells, it is said, were defective, and broke up against the thick German armour instead of piercing it and bursting inside the ship. Be that as it may, the big gun did not exactly shine at Jutland.

As the results of target practice in the Royal Navy are confidential, the public has no means of judging to what extent our naval shooting has improved, but having seen guns of every calibre in action, I am inclined to think that the present standard of marksmanship is at least 50 per cent. higher than it was at Jutland. Even so, the expenditure of ammunition in long-range practice is heavy in proportion to the number of hits.

The modern battleship, it is true, could open fire at 34,000 yards, but at that distance the target would be all but invisible to the firing ship, and the aiming would have to be done by means of reports from aircraft. Moreover, as the target would be moving at anything from fifteen to thirty knots, probably on an erratic course, the chances of hitting at this range must be dismissed as negligible. At Jutland, where the hottest fighting took place at a range of some 16,000 yards, only 3 per cent. of the shells had effect.

Loading the Monster

Thanks to hydraulic and electric machinery the big gun can be worked as rapidly as the medium calibre gun of thirty years ago.

A few days ago I saw an impressive demonstration of modern gunnery from the interior of a turret in this battle cruiser. The turret contains two 97-ton 16in. guns, whose massive breeches take up most of the space. Not more than a dozen men are visible. The turret officer stands on a narrow gangway between the guns, or sits in his little cabinet at the rear, looking through a periscope. At the order "Load" a lever is pulled over, the breech of the gun swings open silently, and you peer into a yawning cavity. Up from the depths, with a rattle and a crash, comes the loading cage, containing on one shelf the 1,920lb. projectile, and on other shelves the cordite charges in silk bags.

As the shell comes level with the open breech a chain rammer shoots out like a striking cobra, and with one tremendous thrust drives the shell far into the gun. The rammer retracts, the loading cage drops down one stage, and then the rammer shoots forth again to drive home the first cordite charge. In much less time than it takes to describe the operation is completed, the breech block swings back, and the gun is loaded.

TEN YEARS AGO

[From the "China Mail,"
December 9, 1919.]

To-day's dollar is worth 5/- 1½d.

Yesterday was a red letter day in the history of St. Paul's College, marking the opening of the new hotel, the ceremony being performed by H.E. the Governor, Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G.

The ceremony was well-attended by both Chinese and foreigners.

MEN, WOMEN, AND AFFAIRS

The Victoria Cross: Japanese Election: A Recluse: A Historic Ship: Don't Shut The Windows: Russia's Navy

"V.C."

THE magic letters "V.C." are very prominent in our news columns at present, and undoubtedly euphony and brevity are ingredients in compounding the magic.

Yet few people know that the "title" had a narrow escape from miscarriage, and was, indeed, born in spite of Queen Victoria's initial disapprobation. For we learn from the Panmure Papers that she declared to the Secretary of State for War that "V.C. would not do."

Her reason was that such initials always designated a person, as, for example, C.E.—Companion of the Bath; M.P.—Member of Parliament. And she added: "No one could be called a Victoria Cross. V.C., moreover, means Vice-Chancellor at present."

The Queen suggested as alternative, "D.V.C., Decorated with the Victoria Cross" or "B.V.C., Bearer of the Victoria Cross." Her preference was for the last, and history does not relate how her logical prejudice against "V.C." was overcome.

The present generation are likely to feel that logic notwithstanding, no other and longer combination could have possessed the magic of those two simple and personally inapplicable letters.

Japanese Elections

PREPARATIONS are being made by the Japanese for a general election to be held in February next, as it is almost certain that the forthcoming session of the Diet will be dissolved. The number of voters registered on September 15 last was 12,942,312, showing an increase of 531,000 over the figures for the election held in February last year, in accordance with the manhood suffrage law. There will, however, be some change in the number of voters in the forthcoming election, as it will be carried out according to the list of voters registered on December 25.

The Power of Reading

ONE of the Tokyo papers reports that the former president of the bureau of decorations, whose alleged misfeasance was the first of the political scandals in Japan, "passes his long days, reading volumes after volume of works on ethics and culture, as a part of his moral training. Persons observing him deeply absorbed in his moral study, have a feeling that the son-in-law of Prince Satsuma, one-time Premier of Japan, is starting a new moral and spiritual life, free from the greed and cupid-ity of this world."

The "George Washington"

THE liner "George Washington," which struck some wreckage in the Channel but managed to leave Cherbourg in mail week safely, although twelve hours late, has some-thing of a history. It was in this ship that President Wilson, then at the very height of his reputation and something of a world power, journeyed to Brest on his way to the Versailles Conference.

A combined squadron of British and American warships set out from Plymouth to meet her. The President acknowledged the compliment by appearing on the bridge in a top hat and frock-coat, a quaint costume for mid-Atlantic in December.

Those Stuffey Rooms!

WARNING has been issued to householders of the British concession at Tientsin by the British municipal police authorities to see that their Chinese servants do not use a charcoal stove in their bedrooms, and that the top of the windows are left open a few inches to allow of fresh air to circulate throughout the room during the night. Last year there were several fatal cases among the Chinese through failing to leave some means of ventilation in the sleeping apartments. On November 27 four Chinese were nearly asphyxiated through neglecting to take this precaution.

Soviet Mercantile Fleet

MORE vessels calling at a port is usually a source of satisfaction to the local authorities, but the water police at Nagasaki are greatly concerned over the report that two steamers of the Soviet Mercantile Fleet, formerly known as the Russian Volunteer Fleet, which are engaged in the Vladivostok-Shanghai service, will make regular calls at Nagasaki from December. Four calls are to be made monthly on the homeward and outward voyages. In view of the growing export to Russia of Urethane and Sonolite, the call of these steamers is welcomed by the prefectural authorities and traders concerned, but the water police who are in charge of the control of Soviet seamen are perturbed.

BRITAIN'S NAVY

Powerful Guardian Of The Empire.

IF IT FAILED

England Would Be Starved Into Submission

THE GREAT PERIL.

Sir James Parr, High Commissioner for New Zealand, replying to the toast of the Dominions at the Navy League dinner in London, said that the Empire stood or fell by its Navy. "Supposing a heavy defeat at sea," he said, "the severance of sea communication, and the cutting off of all supplies, England would be starved into submission in a few months, the Dominions would be helpless against raiders, and the British Empire would fall. No other great nation is quite like us. Not one would suffer irretrievable disaster if defeated at sea. For the British Empire alone, defeat at sea has that peril."

BUILDING FOR SECURITY

Lord Lloyd, formerly High Commissioner for Egypt, said that while all the world had been moved by the meeting between Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Hoover, he sometimes wondered whether disarmament discussions and cruiser comparisons were the best way to mutual confidence.

"I myself," he continued, "would always rather have said to the United States—or indeed any other country—'Build what you will and let us build what we must. We can barely afford to-day to build what is needful for our own security—our past history and our present stress is ample guarantee that we shall do no more.'"

"We are profoundly convinced of the need of peace, but we are equally profoundly convinced that only peace for us is the peace that comes through rational security. There is not the smallest reality—indeed, it is sheer humbug to claim that the reduction of navies bears any relation to peace. Navies in themselves cannot conquer Continental Powers."

Our Ancient Right
In connection with the right of search, we hear it said that Parliament may shortly be invited to ratify the signature of an optional clause with reservations so limited as to compel the submission of our conduct in regard to our ancient belligerent rights of contraband and blockade to the verdict of an International Prize Court, where Continental views—so hostile as these have always naturally been—to our Island and Imperial needs, would prevail over ours.

"We cannot take Continental guidance on this ancient question. We are the one Power which has been consistent in this matter and has pursued the same policy in peace and war. Those who in peace agitate to abrogate those rights no sooner become our Allies than they press us to exercise them to the full. It is ridiculous to suppose that any belligerent who has the power to stop it is going

to allow munitions of war and supplies to pass for the strength or comfort of his enemy under his very nose.

"If we want to know Nelson's opinion we can hear the echo of his voice to-night in the words he uttered in the House of Lords in 1801 on the same issue, and in regard to a similar attempt:—'A proposition so monstrous in itself, so contrary to the law of nations, and so injurious to the maritime interests of this country, that, if the maintenance of it had been persisted in, it would have been our duty never to have ceased war with the Powers who upheld it whilst a single man, a single shilling or a single drop of blood remained in the country.'"

NEW TERRITORIES SHOW

FINAL PLANS FOR JANUARY CONSIDERED

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

A meeting of the committee of the New Territories Agricultural Show was held on Saturday at Tung Ying Hok Po, Sheungshui, to discuss final plans for the Exhibition to be held on January 4 and 5, at Shek Wu Hui, near the Sheungshui Railway Station.

Mr. Bush reported that H.E. the Governor would open the Show at 2.30 p.m., on January 4.

Through the courtesy of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, special arrangements have been made for the transportation of exhibitors and visitors. Exhibitors, entertainers and catering materials will be carried free, and there will be specially reduced tariff during the two days of the Show.

Particulars of the Show will be given in an attractive handbook which is being printed, the expense of which is already covered, thanks to the support of the following:—Imperial Chemical Industries, \$250; Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, \$150; British-American Tobacco Company, \$100; Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., \$50; Ho Hong Bank, \$50; Bank of East Asia, \$50; China Light and Power Co., Ltd., \$50; Nestle Milk Company, \$50; Bank of Canton, \$25; Commercial Press, \$25; Grace and Company, \$10.

POLICE RESERVE

Orders For The Current Week

The following Orders have been issued by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police:—

Chinese Company
Inspection Parade.—All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, for the monthly inspection of Equipment etc. by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover; Belt (without Frog), Truncheon, Whistle, Armband, Badge, "Pocket-Policeman" and Note-Book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in mufti. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officers will make a point of being present.

Flying Squad
Constable R345 E. Campbell has been transferred from the Kowloon to the Hong Kong Section as from December 7.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place to-morrow. Fall in at the Tsim-tsa-tsu Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter uniform, and cap with white cover.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Friday. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform and Cap with White Cover.

Sharpshooters Company
Rifles.—All members who have not yet drawn their rifles should do so at the earliest moment by applying at the Police Reserve Office, on any morning this week.
(Sgd.) W. Kent, A.S.P. Adjutant.

REGIMENTS REVOLT IN NORTH

SUSPENSION OF TELEPHONES & RAILWAY

"SUFFOLK" FOR NANKING

Shanghai, Saturday.
Three regiments of Government troops have revolted at Changchow, on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, and have cut the telephone wires between here and the capital.

The railway service is suspended, and as one of the results, delegates to the Provisional Court Conference, who were scheduled to go to Nanking this evening, are now unable to proceed.

H.M.S. "Suffolk" leaves for Nanking at 7 to-morrow morning to evacuate the British women and children.

[Unconfirmed reports were current in the Colony last night that the British warships in port, with the exception of two cruisers, had been ordered to sail to-day for a Northern destination.

H.M.S. "Hermes" and the sea-planes will accompany the other ships, it is stated.]

Saving the Nation

A news agency belonging to Tang Seng-chi issues the text of another circular telegram from Tang Seng-chi, wherein he states that he has assumed command of the Fourth Route Army for the salvation of the nation, and the protection of the Party, by orders of Wang Ching-wei.

The same source states that Han Fu-chu has issued from Kail-feng a circular telegram endorsing the recent circular telegrams by Tang Seng-chi and Shih Yao-san.—Reuter.

Military Conference

Nanking, Saturday.
A military conference was held this morning, when Chiang Kai-shek is reported to have expressed his confidence in the Government's ability to suppress the rebels in the immediate future. He is planning to use 70,000 troops in the campaign against Pukow. It is also reported that Government forces have recaptured Anking.

Tang Seng-chi's headquarters here are closed, and his body-guard has been disbanded. It is now officially stated that the cause of the Pukow mutiny is the demand of the soldiers for back pay, and discontent at being ordered to Canton, all of them being Northerners.

The suggestion is scouted that the mutiny was a pre-arranged plot. Honan and Shantung have declared themselves loyal. Alarmist reports are stated to be unfounded. Chiang Kai-shek is quite calm, and is remaining in Nanking.

Protocol Approved

Tokyo, Saturday.
A message from Nanking states that approval of the Sino-Soviet Protocol is officially confirmed. The National Government has appointed Tsai Yun-sheng as Plenipotentiary and delegate for formal Sino-Soviet Negotiations.

The Government this afternoon officially issued a mandate ordering the dismissal and arrest of Tang Seng-chi.—Reuter.

Train Derailed

Harbin, Saturday.
A southbound passenger train from Harbin was derailed last night one kilometre from the Sungari Bridge, owing to the pointman shunting the train on to a temporary line.

The locomotive fell down the embankment, and sixty were injured.

Soviet planes continue to fly over Pokotu and Mullin.—Reuter.

TRANSPORT SCHEME

Accountant to Advise Government

Rugby, Yesterday.
Sir William McLintock, the prominent Glasgow chartered accountant, has been appointed to advise the Government in their inquiries on the scheme for the public control and co-ordination of London's passenger transport.

His duties will be to estimate the values of London's passenger traffic undertakings which is generally estimated at over one hundred millions sterling.

Sir William McLintock will ascertain the financial possibilities and the liabilities of all the companies concerned and will report to the Transport Minister.

It is probable the work will take a considerable time, but the Transport Minister has indicated that the Government contemplate no further action until a thorough investigation of the financial aspect of the scheme has been completed.—British Wireless Service.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

Social Functions
To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Jan. 10—Second annual dance of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club, at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

Entertainments
To-day—Majestic Theatre; "King of Kings."

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Behind that Curtain."

To-day—Star Theatre, "Give and Take."

To-day—World Theatre, "Saxophone Souzi."

Dec. 14—At Theatre Royal, "The Gelsa," 9.15 p.m.

Home Malls
To-day—Outward for Europe via Siberia ("President Grant"), 6 p.m.

Lammerts Auction
Dec. 12—At Sales Room, Toys, 2.30 p.m.

Dec. 12—At Sales Room, Postage Stamps, 5.15 p.m.

Meetings
To-morrow—Sanitary Board meeting, 4.15 p.m.

To-morrow—Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Meeting, Jardine Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous
To-day—St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club Lecture on "A Journey through Yunnan to the Yangtse" by Mr. E. C. Thomas, 8.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Helena May Institute Lecture on "The Pre-History of Hong Kong and New Territories," by Dr. J. L. Shellshear, 8.30 p.m.

Dec. 11—Social evening in St. John's Cathedral, 9 p.m.

Dec. 16—Pianoforte recital by Mrs. Suiter's pupils at St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, 5 p.m.

RADIO
TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.V. on 350 metres:—

5.00-5.30 p.m.—Gramophone Records by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie & Co.

"The Beautiful Galathea—Overture" (Suppe, arr. Artok).

Berlin State Opera Orchestra. "Slavonic Dance, No. 1 (in G Minor)." "Songs My Mother Taught Me (Gypsy Song)" (Owens-Kroeller).

Fritz Kreisler, Violin Solo with Piano. "Gold and Silver—Waltz" (Franz Lehár).

"Emperor—Waltz" (Johann Strauss).

International Novelty Orchestra. "La Bohème—Fantasia—Part 1 & 2" (Puccini).....Victor Symphony Orchestra.

5.30-6.00 p.m.—Children's Programme.

Aunt Joan, Uncle Dick and Uncle Jack will entertain the kiddies.

6.00-7.00 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7.45 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.00 p.m.—Programme of H.M.V. and Victor records by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie & Company.

"La Traviata—Potpourri—Part 1 & 2" (Verdi).....Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

"Roll Away, Clouds" (Waller & Tunbridge).

"Mammy" (arr. Robeson).

"Andantino" (Lemare-Saenger).

"At Dawning" (Cadman-Rickard).

"Hungarian Rhapsody—No. 2—Part 1 & 2" (Liszt).

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

"Mi Amade" (Warren-Lewis-Young).

"Where is the Song of Songs for Me?" (Irving Berlin).

Lupe Velez, Contralto with Orchestra.

"Tales from the Vienna Woods—Waltz" (Strauss).

"Blue Danube, Waltz" (Strauss).

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

"Estrellita" (Ponce-Hoffetz).

"Valse Blanche" (Drigo-Auer).

Jascha Heifetz, Violin Solo with piano.

"Selection of Laide Stuart's Songs" (arr. Humo).

The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Memories of one Sweet Kiss" (Al Jolson-Dave Dreyer).

"When you come to the end of the Day" (Gus Kahn-Frank Westphal).

Paul Oliver, Tenor, with Orchestra.

Ruralia Hungarian—Gypsy Andante—Part 1 & 2.

(Dohnanyi Op. 82, No. 2).

Fritz Kreisler, Violin Solo with piano.

Tannhauser—Overture—Part 1 to 4 (Wagner).

Symphony Orchestra.

"Love (Your Spell is Everywhere)" (Johann Strauss).

Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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ATTEMPT TO SEIZE ARSENAL

Exciting Affair in Shanghai

ATTEMPTED LOOTING

Shanghai, To-day.

Some firing was heard in the vicinity of Shanghai on Saturday night. It appears that small gangs of soldiers and hoodlums attempted to loot Nantao suburb and seize the Lungwha Arsenal, but the movement was suppressed without difficulty.—Reuter.

RHINE EXODUS

Tribute to the British Troops

Washington, Saturday.

In connection with the departure of the last of the British troops from the Rhine on December 12, a final series of concerts, competitions, and dances are being held at the Bingen and Wiesbaden Y.M.C.A.'s in the next few days. Germans here paid a wonderful tribute to the popularity of British troops on the occasion of Sir William Thwaites, Commander-in-Chief accepting an invitation to a circus. When Sir William, with 400 officers and men entered, the band played a general salute, then the Royal Artillery slow march. Sir William Thwaites and his staff, in the meantime, were standing at the ringside, in a blaze of light.

The audience of 8,000 cheered deafeningly, as the officers took their seats.—Reuter's American Service.

FOX FINANCED

Affairs Of Cinema Magnate

New York, Yesterday.

The cinema magnate, Mr. William Fox, has surrendered control of his theatrical interests, including the Gaumont Theatres, in Britain to a committee of three trustees, consisting, with the addition of himself, of a prominent Wall Street banker, and an official of the Western Electric Company, whose prestige is expected to render possible important financial operations which it is understood Mr. Fox himself is unable to carry through, owing to the collapse of the American stock market.—Reuter's American Service.

Mr. Michael MacWhite, Irish Free State Minister at Washington, whilst crossing the Dupont Circle was injured by a motor-car, the driver of which fled. Mr. MacWhite was conveyed to hospital.

(Elsie Janis-Edmund Gauding).

"Serenade" (Alfred Silvestri-Enrico Toselli).

Gloria Swanson, Soprano with Orchestra.

"Wine, Women and Song—Waltz, Op. 688."

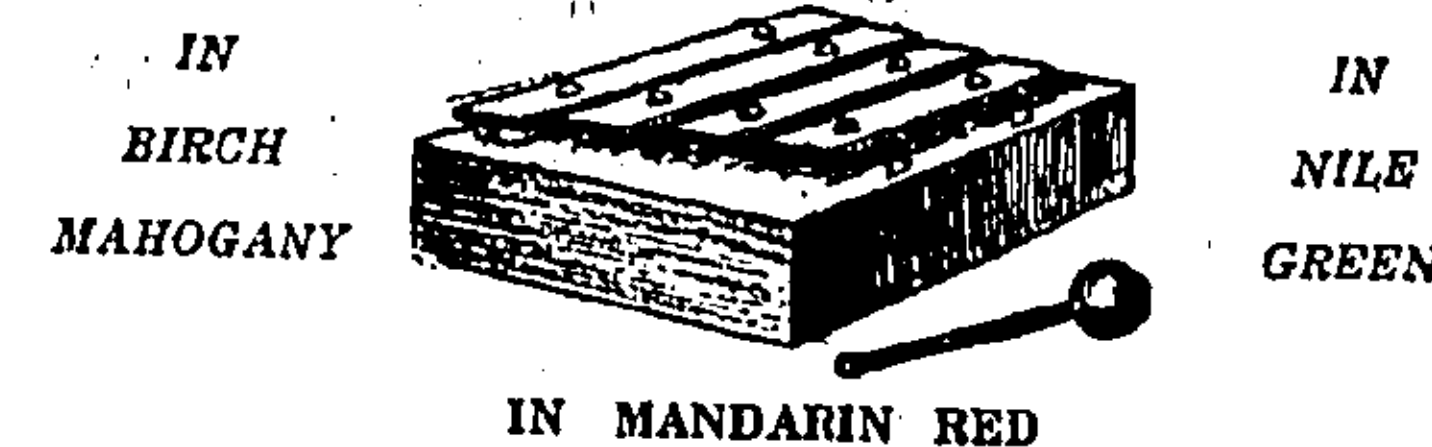
"Roses of the South—Waltz" (Johann Strauss).

Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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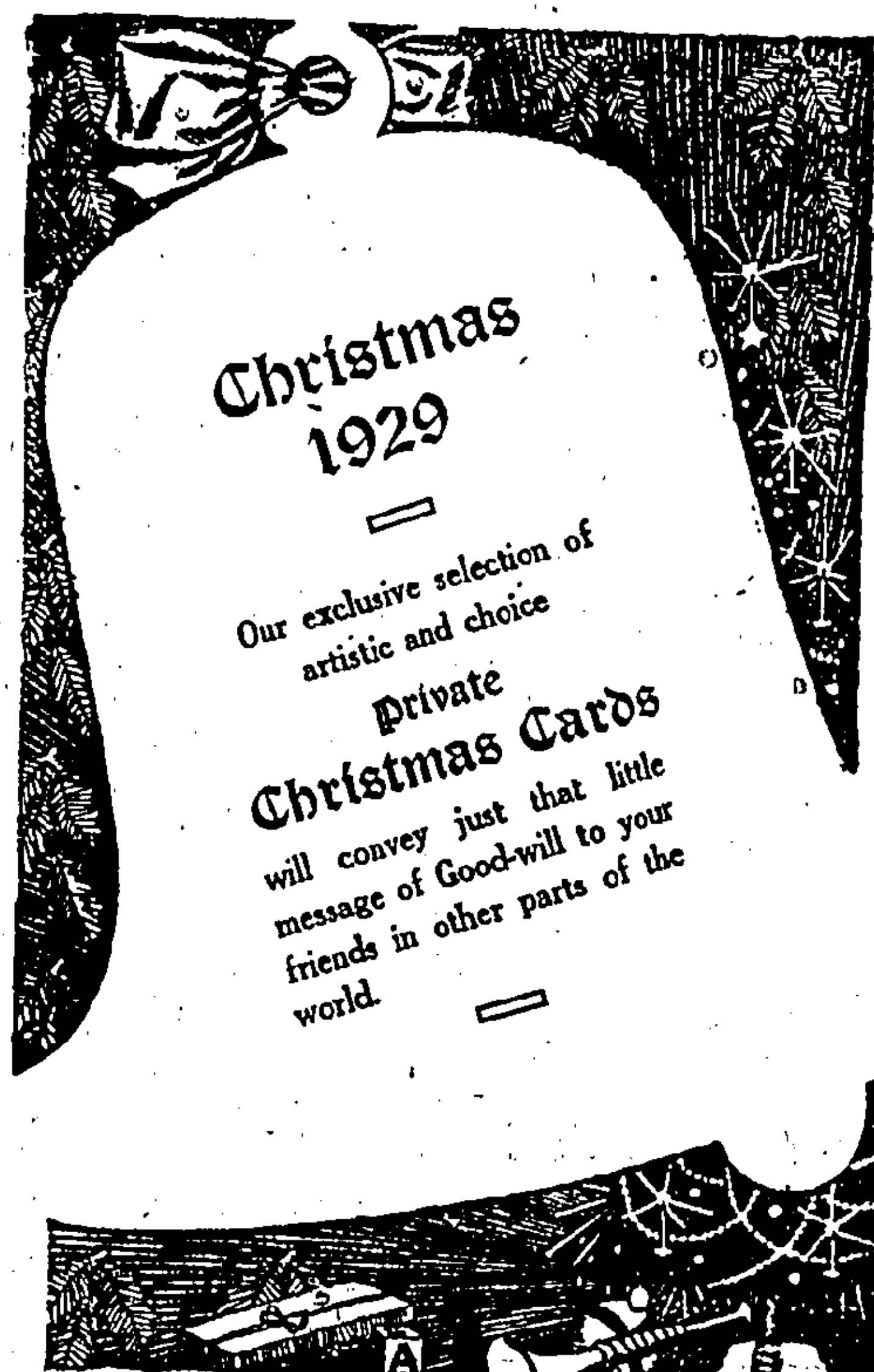
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ANNUAL AL FRESCO FETE
MOTOR CAR RAFFLE

The annual "Al Fresco" Fete of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was held yesterday on the grounds of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glenaealy, and was largely attended. It was opened at 11 o'clock in the morning and continued until midnight. In the evening the grounds were illuminated with electric lights and presented an animated appearance.

All Fair attractions were to be found on the grounds, on which were erected many booths laden with fine collections of toys, confectionery, hand-made goods, etc. The inner man was attended to by a "Hot Dog" Stall, and there was also a farmyard in which were fowls, turkey and pigs, all appropriate prizes in view of the approach of Christmas. There were numerous raffles and guessing competitions in all of which attractive prizes were offered.

Chief interest was centred in the draw for the De Soto motor car, which was carried out at about 11 o'clock, and resulted in Ticket No. 1,457 winning the coveted prize. The owner is Mr. A. A. Marcal, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Griet.

2nd: 1698, 3rd: 1492, 4th: 2648, 5th: 1121, 6th: 2963, 7th: 649.

Miss Olga Baptista won the diamond ring in the surprise cake.

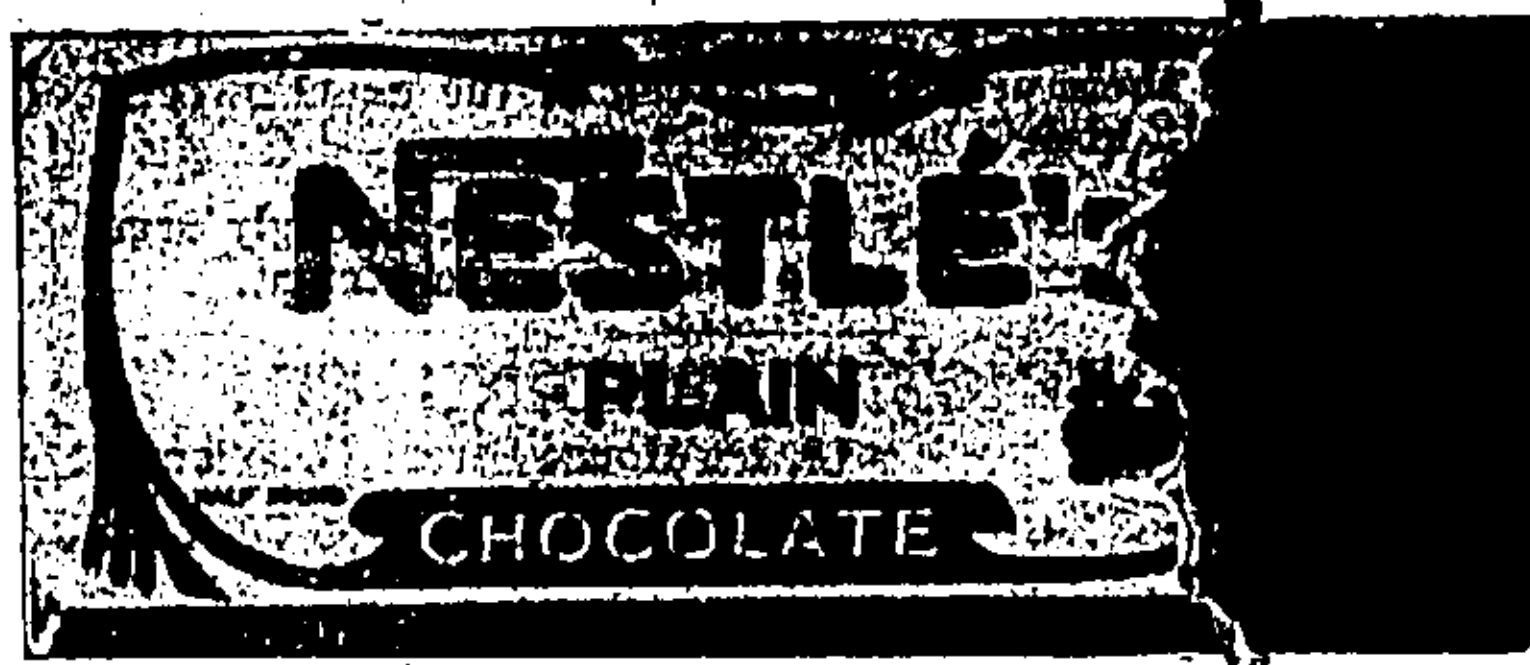
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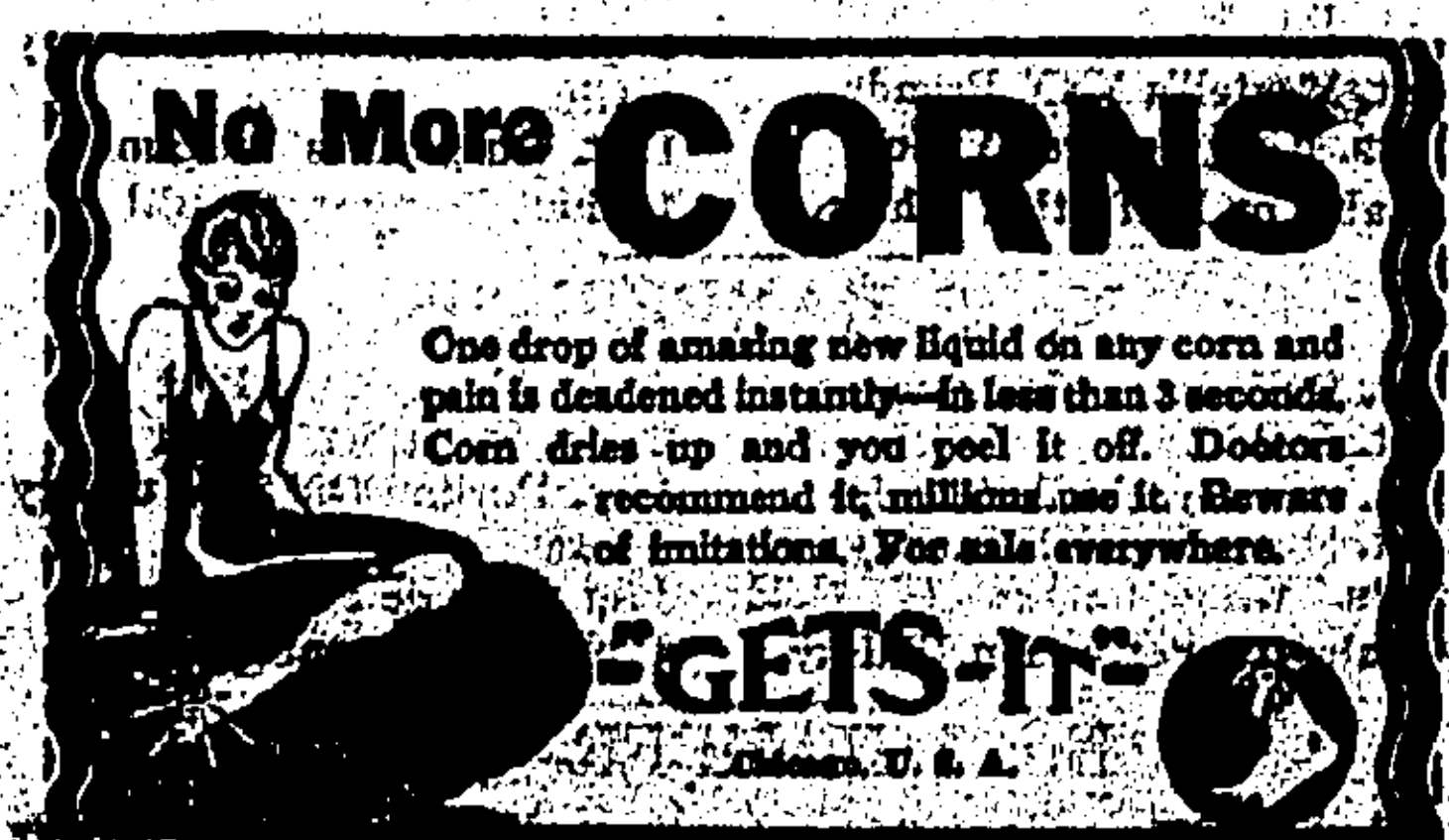
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QUEEN'S

ALL
TALKING

BEHIND
THAT
CURTAIN

TO-DAY
TO
THURSDAY

A MORNING SHAVE

Criticisms of the Infant

[By J. Jefferson Farjeon, the Novelist and Dramatist]

Shaving always seems to me rather a private matter. I do not like to have people around me. One commits all sorts of little moral lapses, and one does not look one's best. I do not know how the happy young men in the advertisements of shaving soaps get such a pleasant expression. I cannot. And so, as I have said, I like to shave in private.

But very young people, who have yet to learn about life, enjoy the spectacle of an older person shaving. They regard the man with the razor as a cross between a comic clown and a juggler, who may at any moment do something screamingly funny or screamingly awful. Interest is intense in the juvenile mind whether a man soaps his nose or gashes his cheek. It is all delightful.

I did my best to evade my small nephew, when he came to spend a week with us, but one day he beat me. He heard me say I was going into the bathroom to shave, and he hung like ivy round the door till I went. And he slipped in after me.

"Won't Nurse be looking for you?" I asked.
"No," he replied.
"I should think she would, Arthur," I said.
"No," he insisted. "She doesn't know I'm here."
"Oh!" I said.

It seemed correct, somehow. Correct or not, that was that. I resigned myself, and turned on the tap. Arthur looked at the stream intently, tip-toeing to do it, and then told me, "That's water."
"Yes, I thought it was," I replied. Arthur stared at me as though surprised that I should only have thought it was. I realised that subtlety would not go. "You're sure it's not ink?" I suggested.

Arthur thought a little less of me. "Water," he hissed, pointing to it; "hot water."

I felt I was learning. I put my finger under the tap, to convince myself. I convinced myself. It was very hot water—so hot in fact, that Arthur began to choke with laughter, as though he had crup or roup, or whatever it is.

He threw his head back so far that he overbalanced himself, and sat down rather promptly on the floor. Speaking academically, it served him right, but it was no use being academic.

"Poor little Artie-Wartie. Arthur-Wartie's little lippie was trembling. After all, laughter was better than tears. I soaped the tip of my nose.

"He scratched the effort, and then remarked:

"My daddy doesn't do 'at."
"No—his daddy didn't have any little boy to watch him. But I decided that, one day, he should!

I proceeded to soap more appropriate parts of my face. Arthur watched me intently. The few comic flourishes I introduced failed to please him. His comment was: "My daddy doesn't do 'at."

I began to realise that, after all, this was not a comic performance. It was a competition.

"Tain," I repeated, the biased judge.
"What's in?" I asked.

"Tain," he repeated.
"Tsun, tsun, tsun," I chirped.

But that wasn't what he wanted. I have never stood lower with children than I stood with Arthur at that moment. Or, for that matter, with myself.

"Tain!" he cried.
"What's in?" I cried back, bringing my whitened face down to his. If the maker of my shaving soap had put a picture of me just then in his next advertisement he wouldn't have sold another sud.

Arthur realised that we were nearing a crisis, and that we had passed the conference stage. Words being useless, he resorted to action, and poked a pudgy finger suddenly into a portion of my face. I noted the portion—it wasn't difficult—and looked at it in the glass. It was a portion that had not been properly soaped yet.

"Oh, chin," I explained.
"Yes, tain," he replied.

I repaired the omission. The storm passed. I took up my razor. "Daddy Kears 'is," hissed Arthur.

I decided to go on, just as though he were not there.

"Daddy Kears 'is," repeated Arthur.

"Mine's keen, too," I barked.

"Daddy Kears 'is," Kears 'is. Kears 'is, my daddy does. Daddy Kears 'is."

This had to be stopped. "Listen, Arthur," I said. "I have no doubt your daddy does clean his face, mine after. But my principle has its advantages, but personally I prefer my own."

I resumed my shaving. Arthur was speechless for two seconds. Then he remarked: "My daddy Kears 'is."

An uneasy atmosphere prevailed. War had not been declared, but there were rumours about. Suddenly, my better spirit prevailed. I realised that I was a great big man—compared with Arthur, anyway—and that he was a very little boy. Why should not the little lad be entertained?

I took up the shaving-brush and made a playful pass at him. He retreated quickly to the door and bumped his head. I realised that his daddy didn't do that.

Arthur was now weeping. "It was only my fun, old man," I explained.

Arthur went on weeping. "Come and watch me shave this bit," I coaxed.

Arthur still wept. "Has Artie-Wartie got a little bumpie-wumpie?" I asked. "Shall we call Nurse-Wursie?"

The effect of this was horrible. The weeping increased in volume. Evidently Nurse-Wursie could not cure Artie-Wartie. But nor could Uncle-Wunkie.

If there's nothing to do it's no good trying to do it. I proceeded with my shaving while the weeping continued. We were both worked up. My nerves were rapidly snapping. Suddenly, in my agitation, I gave myself a bad cut. "Confound it!" I cried. A yell of joyous laughter resounded. Blood flowed. The situation was saved!

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The beautiful blonde, who was concerned in the disappearance of the secret code from the Italian Embassy at Berlin, has just paid a dramatic visit to London.

A native of Jugo-Slavia, she arrived at Berlin early in the spring, rented a luxurious flat, and became acquainted with one of the secretaries of the Italian embassy. Soon it was evident that he was paying her marked attention. She several times visited him in a room in which stood a safe containing the code.

Suddenly the secretary disappeared, having been recalled to Rome. He was secretly tried and exiled to an island, whence he is unable to communicate with his relations and friends.

Meantime the Italian Government, wishing to avoid publicity, did not complain to the Berlin police, but had the fair Jugo-Slavian watched. Something must have aroused her suspicions, for she left for Paris in August.

From there, again, fearing the revenge of Italian secret agents, she hurriedly departed for London, arriving on a Wednesday, accompanied by a tall dark man, and with her companion occupied a suite at an hotel.

Within a few hours a member of Scotland Yard visited them. What transpired is not known, but the blonde settled the bill and the little party caught the Dieppe boat train from Victoria Station.

EXCHANGES

TO-DAYS QUOTATIONS

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Bank, wire	1/8 3/4
Bank, on demand	1/8 3/4
Bank, 30 days' sight	1/8 3/4
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Credits, 4 months' sight	1/8 3/4
Documentary 4 months' sight	1/8 3/4
On Paris—	
On demand	1042 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1117 1/2
On Berlin—	
On demand	—
On New York—	
On demand	41
Credits, 60 days' sight	42 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	112 1/2
On demand	112 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Wire	112 1/2
On demand	112 1/2
On Singapore—	
On demand	72 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	82
On Shanghai—	
On demand	76 1/2
30 days' sight (private)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	83 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 mms	—
(per ton)	—
Sovereigns (Bank)	114 1/2
Buying (per 100)	114 1/2
Silver (per 100)	22 1/2
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Stock.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Non	Dividend.
Banks.					
Hong Kong Bank	1835	...	...	...	23 Int. 1929
(Lon. Reg.)	...	...	...	130	...
Chartered Bank	...	...	...	10	7 1/2 Int. 1929
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	...	...	...	30 1/2	20 1/2 Int. 1929
Do., C.	...	...	...	10 1/2	8 1/2 Int. 1929
Bank of Asia	95	...	...	...	8 Int. 1928
Insurance.					
Canton Ins.	357	...	...	...	40 Int. 1928
Union Ins.	...	...	...	...	13 Int. 1928
Yangtze Ins.	M.S.	...	...	...	M.S. 50 Int. 1928
China Underwriters	...	220	...	...	...
China Fire Ins.	310	...	...	...	18 Int. 1928
H. K. Fire Ins.	...	...	...	...	13 Int. 1927
Shipping.					
Douglas	...	...	...	...	4 Int. 1924
H. K. Steamboat	301	...	...	...	12 for 1924 6/-
Indo-China (Pref.)	46	...	...	...	1 - 1923 6/-
(Def.)	...	...	...	...	70/-
Shell Transport	...	...	...	...	56 Int. 1928
Union Waterboats	...	...	...	...	1.50 Int. 1928
Mining.					
Benquet	470	...	...	...	0.35 Int. 1929
Kailan Mining Ad. V.	...	...	...	...	2 1/2 Int. 1928-29
Langkat (Cont.)	...	...	...	...	13.60
(Single)	...	...	...	...	7 1/2 Int. 1928-27
S'hai Exploration	...	...	...	...	1.30
Loans	...	...	...	...	6 Int. 1928
Rubi	...	...	...	...	18 Int. 1928-29
Tromb Mines	...	...	...	...	21/-
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.					
H. K. & W. Wharves	...	...	...	...	145 Int. 1928
H. K. & W. Docks	32 1/2	...	...	...	4 Int. 1924
China Providents	5.30	...	...	...	1.30 Int. 1924
Hongkong	...	...	...	...	78 Int. 1929
N. Engineering	...	...	...	...	0.40 Int. 1928
Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	...	7 1/2 Int. 1928-29
Cotton Mills.					
Ewo Cottons	...	...	14 1/2	...	70.40 Int. 1929
S'hai Cottons (old)	77	...	...	...	72.50 Int. 1929
(new)	...	...	...	...	70.60 Int. 1928-29
Zoong Sing	...	...	...	...	9 1/2
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.					
H. K. & S. Hotels	10.00	11.10	11	...	1.20 Int. 1924
H. K. Lands	94	...	...	...	4 Int. 1929
Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	...	73 Int. 1929
Humphreys	14 1/2	...	...	...	1 Int. 1928
H. K. Realities	7.00	...	...	...	0.30 Int. 1929
Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...	4 Int. 1928-29
Public Utilities.					
H. K. Tramways	16 1/2	10	...	...	0.50 Int. 1929
Peak Trans. (old)	...	...	...	...	112 Int. 1928-29
(new)	...	...	...	...	8.50 Int. 1928
Sun Feries	...	...	...	...	0.25 Int. 1928-29
Ch. Light (old)	16.40	...	16.40 1/2	...	0.75 Int. 1928-29
(new)	...	...	...	...	10.10
H. K. Electric	25 1/2	26	...	...	2.50 Int. 1928
Macro	...	...	...	...	...
Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Telephone	7.60	...	...	...	0.10 Int. 1929
China Buses	10 1/2	...	...	...	70.00 Int. 1928
S'pork Tractors (old)	...	...	...	...	1/- Int. 1928
(Pref. 1/2)	...	...	...	...	...
Industrials.					
China Sugars	30 a.	...	...	...	In liquidation
Malabar Sugars	...	...	...	...	F.S. 1923
Cald. Macg. Ord.	...	...	...	...	...
(Pref. 1/2)	...	...	...	...	...
Canton Ice	...	...	...	...	...
Cement (old)	12.70	...	...	...	...
(new)	...	...	...	...	0.80 Int. 1923
H. K. Ropes	...	...	...	...	1.35 Int. 1924
United Asbestos	...	...	...	...	...
Stores, &c.					
Dairy Farms	...	...	...	...	1.35 Int. 1923
Watsons	...	...	...	...	0.80 Int. 1927-28
Der A. Wings	...	...	...	...	...
Long Crystals	...	...	...	...	0.80 Int. 1928-29
Mackintosh	...	...	...	...	...
Sinccres	...	...	...	...	1/- Int. 1928
Wm. Powell	...	...	...	...	0.35 Int. 1928-29
Miscellaneous.					
H. K. Amusement Pref.	...	...	...	...	2.50 Int. 1928-29
Do. Deferred	...	...	...	...	1.50
H. K. Construction	...	...	...	...	1.50
B. Ind. G.S. Bonds	...	...	...	...	60%
H. K. Govt. Loan	4 1/2	...	...	...	...

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London, Saturday
Paris 123.9 1/2
New York 48 1/2
Buenos Aires 84.87 1/2
Bombay 2 1/2 1/2
Shanghai 2 1/2 1/2
Hong Kong 2 1/2 1/2
Yokohama 2 1/2 1/2
Silver Spot & For-
ward 22 1/2 1/2

Copenhagen 18.10
Oslo 18.20 1/2
Vienna 84.67 1/2
Prague 164 1/2
Helsingfors 184 1/2
Madrid 84.87 1/2
Lisbon 108 1/2
Athens 87 1/2
Bucharest 5 25/32
Buenos Aires 48 1/2
Bombay 1 7/8 1/2
Shanghai 2 1/2 1/2
Hong Kong 2 1/2 1/2
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Sport Columns

HOME FOOTBALL

Saturday's Results in Leagues

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

London, Saturday.
The following are the results of the English League and the Scottish League (First Division) matches to-day:

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division I				
	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.		
Birmingham	3	Manchester C.	0	
Blackburn	2	Leeds U.	1	
Grimsby Town	0	Everton	1	
Huddersfield	2	Portsmouth	1	
Leicester City	0	Derby C.	1	
Liverpool	1	Burnley	3	
Manchester U.	1	Bolton W.	3	
Middlesbrough	2	Sheffield W.	1	
Newcastle U.	2	Aston Villa	2	
West Ham U.	1	Sunderland	1	
Sheffield United	1	Arsenal	1	

Goals.				
	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.		
M'chester C.	17	10	3	43
Aston Villa	18	10	3	39
Wednesday	17	10	3	40
Derby	18	9	4	32
Leeds U.	18	9	2	29
Middlesbrough	18	9	2	29
West Ham	18	7	5	30
Liverpool	18	7	4	28
Leicester	18	7	4	28
Huddersfield	18	7	4	28
Arsenal	18	7	3	25
Blackburn	18	6	5	23
Burnley	18	6	3	21
Birmingham	18	6	4	22
Bolton	18	6	4	22
Everton	18	6	4	22
Portsmouth	18	6	4	22
Sheffield U.	18	6	3	21
Newcastle	18	6	3	21
M'chester U.	18	6	3	21
Sunderland	18	6	3	21
Grimsby	18	5	4	20

Division II				
	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.		
Barnsley	3	Stoke City	1	
Blackpool	3	W'hampton W.	2	
Bradford	4	Hull City	2	
Bury	2	Bradford City	4	
Cheltenham	1	Swansea Town	0	
Millwall	1	Bristol City	1	
Nottingham F.	3	Cardiff City	1	
Oldham A.	0	Preston N. End	2	
Southampton	2	Notts C.	2	
Tottenham H.	0	Reading	0	
W. Bromwich A.	1	Charlton A.	1	

Goals.				
	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.		
Blackpool	17	14	0	33
Oldham	17	11	3	28
Bradford	18	10	3	30
Wolves	18	9	4	30
Cheltenham	18	9	4	30
Cardiff	18	9	3	27
Bury	18	9	2	24
West Brom.	18	8	4	26
Stamford	18	8	3	24
Charlton	18	8	3	24
Hull	18	8	3	24
Tottenham	18	8	3	24
Stoke	18	8	3	24
Reading	18	8	3	24
Notts C.	18	8	3	24
Bradford C.	18	8	3	24
Preston	18	8	3	24
Notts F.	18	8	3	24
Millwall	18	8	3	24
Barnsley	18	8	3	24
Swansea	18	8	3	24

Division III (North)				
	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.		
Barrow	2	Lincoln City	1	
Carlisle U.	3	Rotherham U.	1	
Crewe A.	2	Accrington S.	1	
New Brighton	1	Doncaster R.	0	
Port Vale	4	Chesterfield	1	
Southport	2	South Shields	1	
Wigan Boro'	2	Halifax T.	1	
Wrexham	2	Tranmere R.	0	
York City	1	Darlington	1	

Portsmouth	.18	6	6	8	30	33	16
Sheffield U.	.17	6	3	8	31	37	15
Newcastle	.18	7	1	10	34	43	15
M'chester U.	.18	7	1	10	26	42	15
Sunderland	.17	5	4	8	21	31	14

H.K. YACHTING

The Challenge Cup Race

SOME GOOD FINISHES

The Challenge Cup Championship race for racing yachts was sailed on Saturday afternoon over a course of 8.9 miles, from Lyemum Beacon (P), to Kowloon Rocks (P), Quarry Bay Mark (P), and Channel Rocks (P).

There were some good entries for the three classes, all vessels finishing the course set.

The Times

The finished and corrected times are given below:

"H" Class (Dennison Cup)

The start was made at 2.25 p.m.

Finishing Corrected
Rolla (4) 4.11.33 4.11.33
La Linda (3) 4.10.11 4.09.25.5
Diana (5) 4.14.11 4.14.13
Colleen (1) 4.14.30 4.08.34
Dorothy (2) 4.15.22 4.08.41.5

"G" Class (Warren Memorial Cup)
(Started 2.30 p.m.)

Finishing Corrected
Gael (1) 4.39.39 4.38.10
Wendy (2) 4.45.45 4.45.45

"Y" Class (Bellis Cup)
(Started 2.35 p.m.)

Finishing Corrected
Why Wonder (5) 4.38.24 4.38.24
Wings (6) 4.39.53 4.39.53
Blueness (1) 4.39.47 4.39.47
Boojum (2) 4.36.47.5 4.36.47.5
Speedwell (3) 4.37.02 4.37.02
Adance (4) 4.37.25 4.37.25
Zephyr (7) 4.45.50 4.41.05.2

SAILING MATCH WITH THE NAVY

Scoring 72 points both in the morning and afternoon against the Royal Navy's 55 on each occasion, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club won the sailing match yesterday. The winners sailed under the St. Andrew's cross and the Senior Service flew the St. George's. Teams:

Club

Morning: P. Levesley, H. Dreyer, G. H. Gandy, S. Olland, H. S. Rouse, Capt. Wernicke, L.A. Dr. M. Nicolson, J. Blakely.

Afternoon: F. D. Tracy, E. Benham, Col. P. A. Cardew, E. B. Lambart, H. S. Rouse, Capt. W. Davidson, R. J. Vernal, M. I. de Ville.

Royal Navy

Morning: L. Provost, L. Bethell, Pay Comdr. Lamb, Lt. Comdr. Ewart, Lt. Comdr. de Salis, Lt. Buckley, Lt. Hankey, Sub Lt. Stilgoe.

Afternoon: Major Miles, R.M., Lt. Bassett, Comdr. Buckland, Lt. Mackay, Lt. Fenton, Lt. Burgess, Lt. Buckley, Sub Lt. Stilgoe.

HOCKEY

To-day's Match At King's Park

The following players will represent the Varsity 1st XI in a friendly match against the Hong Kong Hockey Club to-day at 5 p.m. on King's Park ground:

Dr. G. A. C. Herklotz, A. B. Suleiman (Captain), K. T. Loke, G. S. Scully, A. A. Aziz, G. E. Yeoh, O. I. de Souza, S. L. Wong, N. F. Lai, Noronha, and H. E. M. Adams.

BILLIARDS RECORD

London, Yesterday.

Walter Lindrum, the Australian billiard player, created a world's billiard record to-day, when, playing against Willie Smith, he made a break of 3,252.—Reuter.



WHEN THE SIGHT OF FOOD REPELS YOU

Your Digestion Is In Need of Tonic Help.

It happens to many in the Far East to experience at some time or other a marked loss of appetite, accompanied by a sense of general enfeeblement. Especially is this so in the Tropics, where the everlasting humid heat severely taxes the vitality even of the strongest. Not only does food cease to attract, even the thought of eating repels, cheerfulness gives way to depression, energy turns to apathy, the complexion becomes pale, the face thin and wan; as often as not, back-pains, loss of weight, pains behind the eyes, headaches, nervousness, a disinclination to society, are among the symptoms experienced. In the case of women, other irregularities of health are also noticeable, troubles characteristic of their sex.

What is the reason for this mysterious physical depression? It may arise from a number of causes, but the most usual are: weakening of the digestive organs, due to blood impoverishment, and an enfeeblement of the nervous system, primarily from the same

source. The whole system depends upon the blood for its nourishment, and when the blood becomes watery, thin and vitiated, the digestive processes, in fact all the organs of the body, lose power to function normally and well. Are you a sufferer from any of the symptoms mentioned? Is your appetite fitful? Does food repel you? Do you lack spirit, brightness, energy? Is your hand unsteady? Does insomnia or uneasy sleep trouble you? If you have any of these symptoms your immediate need is tonic treatment for your blood and nerves, and the best of all blood builders and nerve restoratives is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These Pills have a wonderful strengthening effect upon the whole organization of man and woman. Their world-wide fame has been built up on a remarkable record of cures of precisely such cases as yours. Chemists everywhere can supply them, price \$1.50 per bottle, \$8 for six bottles. But be sure and ask for and insist upon having

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

CRICKET

Keen Game Between Artillery & Police

KOWLOON IN GOOD FORM

The two friendly matches in the First Division of the Cricket League on Saturday were not marked by features of outstanding brilliance, but the game between the Royal Artillery and the Police Recreation Club in Division two was played at a high pitch throughout.

The Artillerymen opened the batting in style, in spite of fast and accurate bowling, and both Lieut. Barry and Leach faced it well, the latter reaching his half century.

Kowloon defeated the Chinese Recreation Club easily, and proved too strong, in batting, bowling, and fielding, for their opponents, who nevertheless put up creditable performances.

Craigengower were also victorious in their game with the Civil Service, punishing the latter's bowling unmercifully and taking advantage of the C.S.'s weak fielding.

The Club de Recreio met their Waterloo against Hong Kong, although both Alves and Xavier distinguished themselves by clever batsmanship against very difficult bowling.

Friendlies—Division I

C.R.C. v. K.C.C.

Playing away, the Kowloon heavily defeated the Chinese Recreation Club in a friendly match.

Chinese Recreation Club.

W. H. Kwan, c. Zimmermann, b. Brace 9
F. K. Lee, c. Mackay, b. A. T. Lee 6
W. C. Hung, c. Mackay, b. E. F. Fincher 29

Fincher 29
T. Youngs, lb.w., b. Brace 15
Tsuai Wai-piu, b. Brace 15
Tsuai Woon-piu, c. A. T. Lee, b. E. F. Fincher 3

B. Chan, b. Ross 5
Tsuai Hing-piu, c. and b. E. F. Fincher 0

D. Hung, not out 0
J. Hung, b. A. T. Lee 11
Extras 11

Total 79

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
A. T. Lee 7.2 3 9 2
N. H. Ross 7 2 11 1
W. Brace 8 0 25 3
D. Laing 3 0 22 0
E. F. Fincher 4 3 1 3

Kowloon C.C.

E. C. Fincher, retired 50
E. F. Fincher, retired 53
G. A. V. Hall, c. and b. Tsui 4

Wai-piu 4
D. Laing, not out 18
H. T. Buxton, b. W. Hung 4
N. A. E. Mackay, not out 21

Extras 12
Total (for 4 wks.) 362
F. E. Lawrence, N. H. Ross, W. Brace, A. T. Lee and F. Zimmermann did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
W. Hung 7 0 30 1
Tsuai Wai-piu 9 1 44 1
W. H. Kwan 3 0 26 0
Tsuai Woon-piu 3 0 13 0
Youngs, lb.w., b. Hung 5 0 22 0
Hung 1 0 15 0

CRAIGENGOWER v. CIVIL SERVICE

The Craigengower added another victory to their list when they defeated the Civil Service after a close game on their own ground.

Civil Service C.C.

F. J. de Rame, c. Omar, b. Abbas 33
J. E. Richardson, b. Lee 18
F. Baker, c. Hamson, b. Omar 32
D. R. Kelly, run out 0

Extras 0

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
Xavier 2 1 4 0
Souza 5 0 24 0
Alves 11 0 60 4
Pereira 11 2 68 4
Pinna 3 0 25 0
Remedios 3 0 25 0
Carvalho 2 0 20 0
Figueiredo 4.4 0 5 0

ROYAL ARTILLERY v. POLICE

The Royal Artillery put up a far more creditable performance when they met the Police in a League match on the latter's ground.

Royal Artillery

Lt. Christian, c. King, b. Baker 18
O'Neill, c. b. T. H. King 8
Leach, b. B. Baker, not out 60

Lt. Wolfe Barry, c. Sparrow, b. A. V. Baker 28

Bacon, b. Sherry 2
Macdonough, b. A. V. Baker 7
Acaster, b. A. V. Baker 10

Seal, c. Reynolds, b. A. V. Baker 5
Cody, run out 1
P. Dean, c. b. Sherry 2

J. Dean, not out 6
Extras 6

Total 125

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
Xavier 2 1 4 0
Souza 5 0 24 0
Alves 11 0 60 4
Pereira 11 2 68 4
Pinna 3 0 25 0
Remedios 3 0 25 0
Carvalho 2 0 20 0
Figueiredo 4.4 0 5 0

Police

Lt. Christian, c. King, b. Baker 18
O'Neill, c. b. T. H. King 8
Leach, b. B. Baker, not out 60

Lt. Wolfe Barry, c. Sparrow, b. A. V. Baker 28

Bacon, b. Sherry 2
Macdonough, b. A. V. Baker 7
Acaster, b. A. V. Baker 10

Seal, c. Reynolds, b. A. V. Baker 5
Cody, run out 1
P. Dean, c. b. Sherry 2

J. Dean, not out 6
Extras 6

Total 125

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
Xavier 2 1 4 0
Souza 5 0 24 0
Alves 11 0 60 4
Pereira 11 2 68 4
Pinna 3 0 25 0
Remedios 3 0 25 0
Carvalho 2 0 20 0
Figueiredo 4.4 0 5 0

H. E. Strange, c. Zimmermann, b. Abbas 0
B. D. Evans, c. Leach, b. Abbas 0
W. Macdonough, not out 3
N. J. Bebbington, b. Omar 4
F. J. Ling, b. Omar 4
E. Kinnoworth, run out 5
F. H. Holdman, b. Lee 1
Extras 8

Total 108

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
Omar 11 5 24 3
Abbas 9 3 33 3
R. Lee 5.3 1 23 2
Linn 3 0 20 0

Craigengower C.C.

S. Abbas, c. Richardson, b. Baker 22
E. Zimmermann, hit wicket, b. Richardson 12

A. B. Hamson, c. Richardson, b. Kelley 6
R. E. Reid, b. Evans 17
U. M. Omar, not out 33

H. P. Lion, lb.w., b. Ling 10
W. B. Bradbury, not out 9

Extras 9

Total (for 5 wks.) 117

R. Lee, F. Oliver, E. McBride, and J. Ribeiro did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
Ling 7 1 25 1
Baker 7 1 11 1
Richardson 4 0 26 1
Kelley 5 0 22 1
Evans 2 0 19 1
Strange 1 0 1 0
Bebbington 1 0 4 0

INDIAN CLUB v. UNIVERSITY

The University were entertained by the Indian Recreation Club at Sookumpoo.

The scores are as follow:

Indian R.C. 1st XI.

A. A. Rumjahn, c. Baker, b. Samy 15
A. el Arculli, not out 44
A. H. Madar, c. Baker, b. Guterres 23

J. S. A. Curreen, c. Ride, b. Baker 17
A. K. Minu, b. Lam 21

O. Ismail, b. Anderson 9
A. R. Minu, not out 14

Extras 14

Total (for 5 wks.) 152

S. A. Ismail, A. S. Sufiad, T. Hamet and M. R. Abbas did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
Samy 6 0 21 1
Lam 7 0 33 1
Guterres 11 3 29 1
Anderson 6 2 15 1
Baker 6 2 26 1
Gittins 4 0 14 0

University

D. J. Anderson, c. Madar, b. Curreen 37
S. R. Kermani, not out 30
A. P. Guterres, not out 2

Extras 7

Total (for one wk.) 122

S. V. Gittins, L. T. Ride, D. K. Samy, A. Baker, M. B. Osman, A. Rodrigues, A. B. Suterman and C. W. Lam did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
M. R. Abbas 4 1 7 0
A. Minu 5 1 25 0
A. A. Rumjahn 4 0 17 0
J. S. A. Curreen 9 1 40 0
A. H. Madar 8 2 19 0
A. S. Sufiad 2 0 7 0

League—Division II

CLUB DE RECREIO v. H.K.C.C.

The Club de Recreio met their Waterloo in a League Match against the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI on the latter's ground.

Club de Recreio

H. M. Xavier, c. Moor, b. Beck 13
L. Gutierrez, lb.w., b. Divett 4
H. Alves, c. Beck, b. Divett 19

D. P. Xavier, b. Divett 0
F. J. Remedios, b. Beck 0
J. E. Noronha, b. Divett 0

M. F. Pinna, b. Divett 13
F. H. Carvalho, c. Moor, b. Duckitt 13

A. Pereira, b. Duckitt 3
J. F. Figueiredo, c. Duckitt, b. Divett 3

C. M. Souza, not out 0
Extras 0

Total 64

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
Divett 10 1 37 5
Beck 8 4 15 2
Duckitt 12 0 6 2

Hong Kong C.C.

O. Moor, c. Xavier, b. Alves 18
A. H. Batger, b. Pereira 10
R. J. Armstrong, b. Alves 10

F. R. Duckitt, run out 9
A. C. Beck, b. Alves 21
C. E. Gahagan, lb.w., b. Remedios 41

R. H. Dowler, b. Pereira 41
G. E. R. Divett, c. Pinna, b. Alves 4
J. Ashworth, b. Pereira 4

W. W. McKenzie, not out 4
R. H. Beaumont, c. Gutierrez, b. Pereira 5

Extras 8

Total 242

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
Xavier 2 1 4 0
Souza 5 0 24 0
Alves 11 0 60 4
Pereira 11 2 68 4
Pinna 3 0 25 0
Remedios 3 0 25 0
Carvalho 2 0 20 0
Figueiredo 4.4 0 5 0

Division I.

Kowloon C.C. 1 0 0 1
The Navy 1 0 0 1
The Army 1 0 0 1

Craigengower C.C. 0 0 0 0
Indian R.C. 0 0 0 1
Chinese R.C. 0 0 0 0

The University 1 0 0 1
Civil Service C.C. 0 0 0 0

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
B. Baker 8 0 32 1
T. H. King 4 0 23 1
Sherry 4.4 0 25 3
Post 3 0 14 0
A. V. Baker 5 0 19 4

Police R.C.

T. Hunter, c. Leach, b. Christian 46
Wagland, b. Christian 6

A. Kirby, c. b. Leach 12
T. H. King, c. Leach, b. Bacon 12

W. Sherry, b. Christian 14
Reynolds, run out 10
E. Post, c. b. Christian 34

L. Sparrow, c. Leach, b. Christian 1
Danbrowsky, b. Wolfe Barry 1

B. Baker, run out 20
Extras 11

Total 157

A. V. Baker did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
Leach 7 2 25 2
Christian 10 1 34 5
Wolfe Barry 3 1 4 4
Bacon 4 0 23 1

CRAIGENGOWER C.C. v. K.C.C.

A drawn game resulted after an interesting and evenly contested match between Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI and Craigengower C.C. 2nd XI on the former's ground.

Craigengower C.C.

J. W. Leonard, c. F. Raven, b. H. Overy 36
W. K. Way, run out 21

E. Hamson, run out 21
E. Sourbutts, b. G. Lee 12

Y. Abbas, c. Kew, b. G. Lee 12
W. B. Muskett, c. Petheram, b. G. Lee 12

C. E. Wong, b. G. Lee 21
G. Lin, b. G. Lee 6

W. A. Youngs, run out 6
H. Kew, c. Marlow, b. G. Lee 0

W. Poy, not out 16
Extras 16

Total 128

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
G. Lee 17 4 38 6
H. Overy 9 3 13 1
B. Petheram 6 0 27 0
F. S. W. Smith 4 0 20 0

O. B. Raven 3 3 3 0
F. Baldwin 2 0 13 0

Kowloon C.C.

F. Hamblin, c. Sub, b. W. K. Way 26
A. R. F. Raven, c. Sourbutts, b. Y. Abbas 0

S. Jex, b. Y. Abbas 13
G. Lee, c. Leonard, b. W. K. Way 12

B. Petheram, not out 23
F. S. W. Smith, c. Leonard, b. Y. Abbas 1

G. Kew, b. Muskett 14
J. Marlow, not out 8

Extras 8

Total (for 6 wks.) 92

R. Baldwin, H. Overy, and O. B. Raven did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
Y. Abbas 12 2 45 3
R. Sourbutts 4 1 18 0
W. K. Way 5 0 17 2
W. B. Muskett 3 1 9 1

I.R.C. v. UNIVERSITY

The University met the I.R.C. at Pokfulam.

Indian R.C. 2nd XI.

M. P. Madar, c. C. E. Yeoh, b. Chan 1
Fook 2

H. T. Barma, c. Chan Fook, b. Hiptoola 2

A. R. Sufiad, b. Hiptoola 16
D. Mohammed, c. Candah, b. Chan Fook 16

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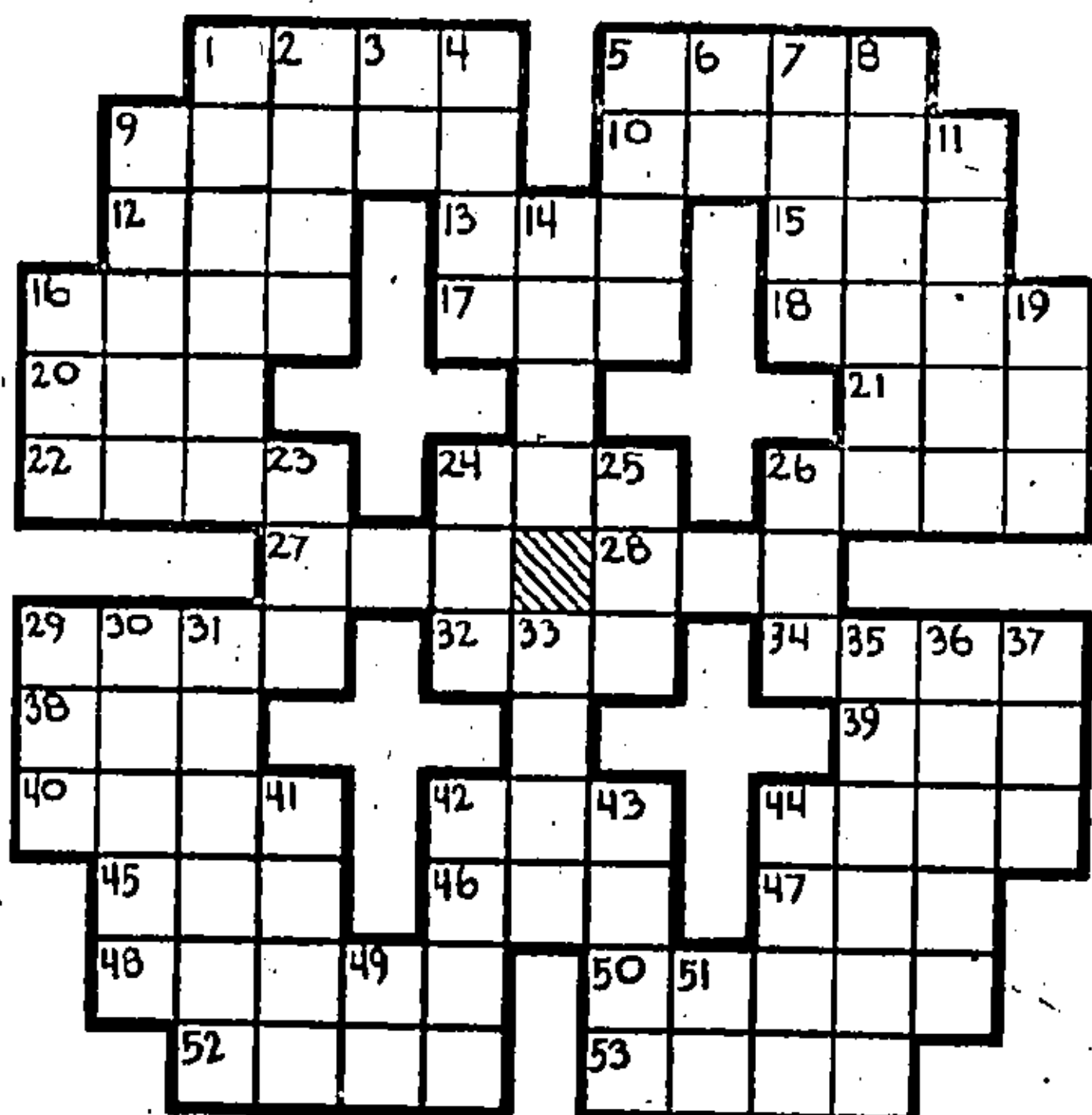
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

1-Neat
5-Clothe
9-Glitter
10-Twigs of willow
12-A gentle blow
13-Likewise not
15-A Chinese plant
16-Identical
17-Fade
18-To engrave by means of corrosive fluid
20-A metric land measure
21-Man's name
22-Examine
24-Affirmative vote
26-Most desirable
27-A chattering
28-Proneun
29-Nothing but
30-Blind
34-Upper part of neck
36-Anger
38-Goddess of the sea (Norse Myth.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

40-Imposes upon
42-Combining form.
44-Ausult
45-Tablet
46-A venomous snake
47-June-bug
48-A wild animal
50-Accord
52-Cleave
53-Tardy

VERTICAL (Cont.)

18-Rested
19-Flary
23-Part of foot
24-Near the stern
25-Organ of sight
26-A small cake raised and slightly sweetened
29-Middle
30-To break out suddenly
31-Restores to a sound state
32-Colored circle around the pupil of the eye
35-Parting to an
36-Father (Sp.)
37-Ensign (abbr.)
41-Rim
42-Any post
43-A gem
44-Entrance
49-Half an em
51-Egyptian sun-god

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

VACCINATION

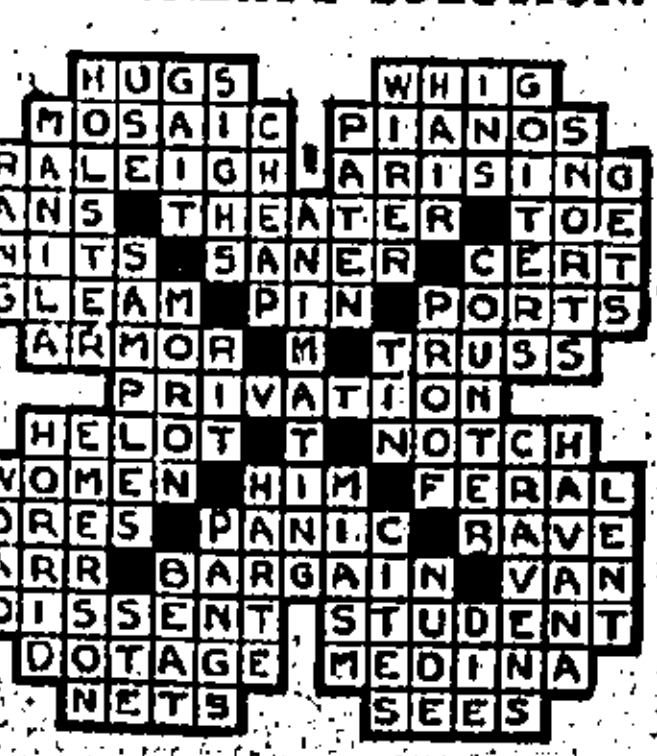
St. John Ambulance Brigade

WEEKLY RETURN

The number of persons vaccinated free of charge by members of the Ambulance Brigade, up to and including Thursday, December 5, is—

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division	5,220
King's College Division (Old)	2,798
Railway Division	1,241
Indian Division	853
Kowloon Division	10,478
Hongkong Division	23,184
Shanghai Division	4,052
Motor Drivers' Association Division	1,917
Chinese Athletic Division	5,594
Un-Lung	489
Victoria Nursing Division	135
Y.W.C.A. Nursing Division	143
Total	69,251

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



In the annual report of the General Board of Control for Scotland attention is drawn to the difficulty which medical specialists experience in the detection of "carriers" of enteric fever. Unless such persons—usually women—are rigorously isolated they may spread the disease far and wide.

AT THE RACES

Largest Attendance For Last Meeting

A GOOD FIELD

Mr. G. A. Harriman had the unique distinction among local gentlemen riders of bringing off a "Champions" double on Saturday, when the tenth and last extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club season was held at Happy Valley before the biggest attendance outside of the annual week.

Incidentally, he adopted similar tactics both in the Autumn Champions and in the Sub's Autumn Champions, leaving his effort until the end. Both his mounts were not particularly fancied by punters.

Other than Mr. Harriman, Mr. T. O. Bulteel was the only jockey to score more than one first. Mr. "Johnny" Heard had one and got very near—and yet so far—on three occasions.

Tradition was maintained with honours among owners being evenly distributed. The major shares (each consisting of a first and second) went to Dynasty, Lau & Lee, and Eve. Mr. Chan Hinson is to be congratulated on annexing the big prize of the day with Chesapeake Bay (a discard of the Dunbar stable), which has shown inconsistent form during 1929.

The going remained hard so that times were on the fast side. Young Pretender looked like putting up a new record for seven furlongs but just failed. Boxing Eve did likewise in a five furlongs sprint.

The new installations of the Jockey Club worked very smoothly. The additional room made for comfort and alacrity and all promises well for the annual meeting.

Abundant interest was provided by each of the eight events on the card, even if field were slightly smaller than has been the case during the last few months.

There were other coincidences besides Mr. Harriman's victory. Three favourites won straight off the reel—one at even, another at odds on, and the last at a good pari-mutuel price.

That return busted the "joss" for the remainder of the day for no pony which carried the most money ever caught the Judge's eye again.

There were many thrilling finishes; in one the field was lined up like in a cavalry charge with the winner leading the line. It was responsible for considerable bumping—and a protest which did not succeed.

Cash Sweep Figures

The cash sweeps of the day resulted as follows:—

Race 1.
No. 370 \$977.20
" 361 279.20
" 147 139.60
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 24, 329.

Race 2.
No. 136 \$1,286.60
" 335 367.60
" 394 183.80
Unplaced runner (\$50), No.: 105.

Race 3.
No. 403 \$1,488.80
" 350 424.80
" 259 212.40
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 60, 72, 240, 424, 404, 376.

Race 4.
No. 107 \$3,214.40
" 479 918.40
" 176 459.20

Race 5.
No. 648 \$1,797.60
" 708 513.60
" 286 128.40
" 151 128.40
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 319, 156, 59, 464, 703, 142.

Race 6.
No. 644 \$1,911.00
" 598 546.00
" 83 273.00
Unplaced runner (\$50), No.: 13.

Race 7.
No. 301 \$1,811.60
" 89 517.60
" 221 258.80
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 671, 14, 699, 228, 575, 624, 200, 18.

Race 8.
No. 294 \$2,006.20
" 480 578.20
" 1 256.60
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 441, 556, 288.

1-December Handicap: "A" Class: Seven Furlongs.—For China Ponies. Entrance Fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd Prize: \$100. Dynasty's Young Pretender 150 lbs. (Mr. T. O. Bulteel) 1

Lau & Lee's Duke of Chantilly 154 lbs. (Mr. A. J. P. Heard) 2
Chan Tin-sion's Winsome Stag 160 lbs. (Mr. F. M. L. Soares) 3

Eve's Grand Tatoo Eve 155 lbs. (Mr. R. H. Charles) 4
Hau Up's Monterey Bay 158 lbs. (Mr. G. U. da Roza) 0

A length, a head.
Time: 1 min. 47.1/5 secs.
Parl-mutuel, winner \$10.30; places, 1st \$8.50; 2nd \$7.90.

2-Natala Plate: Five Furlongs.—For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockey allowances. Entrance Fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd Prize: \$100.

Eve's Boxing Eve 158 lbs. (Mr. R. H. Charles) 1
Ho Kom-tong's Majestic Hall 155 lbs. (Mr. A. J. P. Heard) 2
Dynasty's King's Counsel 158 lbs. (Mr. G. U. da Roza) 3
Eve's Misty Eve 153 lbs. (Mr. F. Lobel) 0

3/4 length, many lengths.
Time: 1 min. 12.3/5 secs.
Parl-mutuel, winner \$6.30; places, 1st \$5.20; 2nd \$5.30.

3-December Handicap: "B" Class: Seven Furlongs.—For China Ponies. Entrance Fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd Prize: \$100. Yam Man's Fifty Fifty 160 lbs. (Mr. G. U. da Roza) 1

K. H. Kay's Tarmacadam 150 lbs. (Mr. F. M. L. Soares) 2
Bennett & Cave's San Francisco 166 lbs. (Mr. D. A. Cave) 3

4-Hong Kong Autumn Champions: One and a Quarter Miles.—For China Ponies that have won at least one race at an Extra Meeting of this Club during 1929. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance Fee \$10. 1st Prize: \$590. 2nd Prize: \$300. 3rd Prize: \$150.

Hinson Chan's Chesapeake Bay 158 lbs. (Mr. G. A. Harriman) 1
Beith & Seth's Christmas Chimes 158 lbs. (Mr. A. J. P. Heard) 2
Yam Man's One Third 158 lbs. (Mr. G. U. da Roza) 3

3 lengths, 5 lengths.
Time: 2 mins. 37.4/5 secs.
Parl-mutuel, winner \$20.80; place, 1st \$22.10.

5-December Handicap: "D" Class: Seven Furlongs.—For China Ponies. Entrance Fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd Prize: \$100. Lau & Lee's Duke of Normandy 11. 170 lbs. (Mr. A. J. P. Heard) 1

Lt.-Col. C. H. Little's Sunloch 154 lbs. (Mr. D. A. Cave) 2
Roda's Ching Hol 150 lbs. (Mr. G. U. da Roza) 3

Yue & Lo's Pumpkin 158 lbs. (Mr. G. A. Harriman) 3
A length, 1/2 length, * dead heat for third.
Time: 1 min. 55.2/5 secs.
Parl-mutuel, winner \$20.20; places, 1st \$7.10; 2nd \$12.00 *3rd \$5.30 (Pumpkin), \$6.00 (Ching Hol).

6-Hong Kong Autumn Subscription Griffin Champions: One and a Quarter Miles.—For China Ponies. Subscription Griffin of this Club of this season. Winners only. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance Fee \$10. 1st Prize: \$590. 2nd Prize: \$300. 3rd Prize: \$150.

Tester & Abraham's The Ape 155 lbs. (Mr. G. A. Harriman) 1
Dynasty's King's Falloch 153 lbs. (Mr. T. O. Bulteel) 2
John Peel's Nookhall 152 lbs. (Mr. A. J. P. Heard) 3

Lau & Lee's Duke of Milan 153 lbs. (Mr. G. U. da Roza) 0
A length, 5 lengths.
Time: 2 mins. 40.3/5 secs.
Parl-mutuel, winner \$15.80; places, 1st \$3.70; 2nd \$9.80.

7-December Handicap: "C" Class: Seven Furlongs.—For China Ponies. Entrance Fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd Prize: \$100. Mrs. R. M. Austin's Armony 155 lbs. (Mr. T. O. Bulteel) 1

F. Lobel's Sunshine 152 lbs. (Mr. G. A. Harriman) 2
Seth's Erstwhile 157 lbs. (Mr. R. H. Charles) 3
Dyer & Beith's Loch Etive 159 lbs. (Mr. A. J. P. Heard) 4

1 1/2 lengths, 2 lengths.
Time: 1 min. 52 secs.
Parl-mutuel, winner \$70.80; places, 1st \$18.50; 2nd \$9.30; 3rd \$9.70.

8-Extra Meetings Consolation Stakes: One Mile.—For China Ponies that have started in at least four extra meetings in Hong Kong this year and have not won to be ridden by jockeys who have not won five flat races anywhere at any time. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Griffin of this Club of this season allowed 5 lbs. Jockeys 2 lbs. extra for each race won. Entrance Fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd Prize: \$100.

W. G. Fischer's Buster 160 lbs. (owner) 1
Eve's Misty Eve 158 lbs. (Mr. F. Lobel) 2
Roda's Delaware Bay 159 lbs. (Mr. R. M. da Rocha) 3

K. H. Kay's Triumphant Stag 166 lbs. (Mr. A. E. McCartney) 4
1 1/2 lengths, 4 lengths.
Time: 2 mins. 09.3/5 secs.
Parl-mutuel, winner \$17.20; places, 1st \$5.90; 2nd \$5.90; 3rd \$3.20.

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CANTON'S PERIL

More Reinforcements From North

READY FOR OFFENSIVE

Canton, Saturday.—The gunboats "Yung Ching," "Chung Ho" and "Ho Ping" of the 2nd National Squadron, which arrived on Friday morning at Whampoa, will be detailed to patrol the Pearl River.

There are at present scores of shallow draft gunboats under the 4th National Squadron along the West River, which are considered sufficient in number to co-operate with the land and air forces in the campaign against the insurgents. The northern gunboats now at Samshui may be despatched to guard other places, according to report.

Waiting for Orders

General Chu Shao-liang, the C-in-C. of the 8th Army Route, informed Press men yesterday that the 3rd and 8th Divisions under his command have all arrived at Canton and will take the offensive against the enemy when directed by General Ho Ying-ching and General Chan Chai-tong.

In regard to the mutiny of the troops under General Shek Yiu-sang, General Ho explained that only a small portion of the troops had mutinied, while five regiments of General Shek's division are now en route to Canton. As to a newspaper report of General Shek's defection, such news in his opinion was fabricated by the reactionaries trying to magnify the affair. General Ho said that he had recently met General Shek in Nan-king, which meeting convinced him that the latter was loyal to the Central Government.

Rear Attack

The C-in-C. further added that the Central Government, with a view to exterminating speedily the Ironsides and the Kwangsi insurgents, is sending two more divisions to the South, one of which, the 9th Division under General Chiang Teng-wen, is already on the way and is expected here very shortly. The General concluded by saying that the Hunan troops of General Ho Chien and the Kweichow troops of General Mao Kwong-cheung are advancing to threaten the rear of the enemy.

To facilitate aerial communications, a new aerodrome is being constructed at Shekiung, and will be completed next week. It is reported that the foundations for aerodromes has been laid at Hoi-how and Yintack—Canton News Agency.

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List of ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong to-day:—Bintang, Borneo, Kinsen Maru, Roko Maru, Nanchang, Sinkiang, Tjibadag, Homsan Maru, Frey, Changte.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Per
	MONDAY, DECEMBER 9	
Japan	Penang Maru	9
	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10	
Australia and Manila	St. Albans	10
Shanghai and Amoy	Chengtu	
Straits	Talamba	
Japan	Sado Maru	
	Dakar Maru	
	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11	
Australia and Manila	Changte	11
	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12	
Straits	Jepore	12
London (Parcels, Nov. 7) and Straits	Antenor	

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Per
	MONDAY, DECEMBER 9	
Haiphong and Wuchow via Haiphong	G.G.P. Doumer	3 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.		

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	President Grant (Due Victoria, B.C., Dec. 30.)	Dec. 9, 3 p.m.
	Parcels	4.15 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	President Grant	Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10	
Swatow and Amoy	Tjisroea	8.30 a.m.
Dairen	Borneo Maru	8.30 a.m.
Haiphong and Wuchow via Haiphong	Ichang	8.30 a.m.
Saigon	Talamachus	3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Taming	5 p.m.
Swatow	Kwongsang	5 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco	Asama Maru (Due San Francisco, Jan. 3, 1930.)	Dec. 10, 1 p.m.
	Registration	Dec. 10, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Asama Maru	Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Perseus (Due Marseilles, Jan. 10, 1930.)	Dec. 10, 1 p.m.
	Registration	Dec. 10, 1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.

* Superficial correspondence only.

THE BIRTHDAY OF TALBOT HOUSE

PRAYERS FOR THE PLAYERS OF THE OTHER TEAM

EAST END SERVICE

London, Yesterday.
The Birthday festival of Toc H, concluded by thousands attending the special church services. A representative from Germany received a remarkable reception at the Peoples Palace in the East End, where the audience stood silently in memory of the many thousands of those of what was once the other side, who passed on.—Reuter.
Sir C. Wakefield's Gift
The Prince of Wales, patron of "Toc H," announced at the birthday festivities at Albert Hall last night that Sir Charles Wakefield, formerly Lord Mayor of London, had purchased Talbot House, Poperinghe, where the movement for comradeship of soldiers after the war began, and from which it takes its name, and presented it to "Toc H."
This action, said the Prince, will rejoice the hearts of members of "Toc H" all over the world.—British Wireless Service.

HAITI TROUBLE

AMERICAN MARINES SAIL FOR SCENE

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Washington, Saturday.
Five hundred marines are sailing from Norfolk Va., to-day presumably for Haiti. It is believed that President Hoover explained their departure in a special message to Congress, but the contents of the statement are withheld.
The Marines are taking one million rounds of ammunition.
Later.

In a special message to Congress President Hoover asks for the immediate creation of a commission to enquire into the relations between Haiti and the United States.

The marines are being sent to Haiti, in case of emergency.

Marines Open Fire
Fort au Prince, Saturday.
Fifteen hundred Haitians, armed with clubs and stones invaded the city of Auxayes. United States marines fired upon them, killing 5 and wounding 20.

Washington, Yesterday.
The light cruiser "Calveston," with 300 troops, is proceeding to Jacmel, opposite Port au Prince. All American women and children are leaving Auxayes.

Planes Despatched
Washington, Later.

The Navy Department has despatched two amphibian planes from Quantico to Port au Prince.—Reuter's American Service.

THANK-OFFERING FUND

London, Saturday.
The thank-offering fund for the recovery of the King is now closed. The final grand total is £689,597.—Reuter.

RAGING FIRE SWEEPS DUTCH TOWN

HISTORIC HOUSES BURNT TO THE GROUND

TOWN IN DARKNESS

Middelburg, Holland, Yesterday.
A very serious fire to-day destroyed eight buildings in the centre of the town, including the famous Grand Hotel at Verseput, and several old houses formerly belonging to the aristocracy. A high wind for a long time rendered useless the efforts of the fire brigades summoned from the neighbouring towns to aid the local fire fighters.
The flames cut off the electric light of the town, which was plunged in darkness. The fire was finally controlled after raging for seven hours.—Reuter.

FRESH — FAIR

"N.E. winds, fresh; fair" is the forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

The anti-cyclone remains central to the North of Korea. The typhoon appears to be situated less than 300 miles east of Saigon moving westward.

A fresh monsoon will prevail over the North China Sea.

ONE YEAR OLD

ANNIVERSARY OF MAJESTY THEATRE

"THE KING OF KINGS"

Yesterday was the first anniversary of the Majesty Theatre and to commemorate the occasion the management have made special prices, the featured programme being Cecil B. De Mille's beautiful production, "The King of Kings."

During the filming of the picture Miss Daphne Leigh, the British artist, sang appropriate songs, making the scenes and the picture more realistic and solemn, thus converting a silent picture into more or less a Movietone with good effect.

The Theatre was packed to the utmost and many were turned away. The "King of Kings" will be repeated again to-day and to-morrow.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board a letter will be read from the Government relative to the appointment of Major D. G. Cheyne, O.B.E., M.C., R.A.M.C., to be a member of the Sanitary Board vice Lt.-Col. and brevet-Col. J. S. Bontock, C.B.E., R.A.M.C.; also a letter from the Government relative to the amendment of the Offensive Trade By-laws.

AGRICULTURE

London, Saturday.

The Ministry of Agriculture has announced that the Government will purchase 100,000 tons of wheat for the year 1930-1931.

The Ministry of Agriculture has also announced that the Government will purchase 100,000 tons of barley for the year 1930-1931.

The Ministry of Agriculture has also announced that the Government will purchase 100,000 tons of oats for the year 1930-1931.

TO-DAY & TO-MORROW
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SUNDERLAND HOUSE FOR DIPLOMAT

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CREDENTIALS NEXT WEEK

Rugby, Yesterday.
Sunderland House, one of the most palatial mansions in the West-End of London, has been acquired by the Soviet Government as the official residence of Sokolnikoff, the recently appointed Ambassador to Great Britain, who is expected in London this week.

As the King will be in residence at Buckingham Palace during the next ten days it is probable that Monsieur Sokolnikoff will present his credentials there early next week, possibly simultaneously with the presentation of his credentials by Sir Esmond Ovey, the new British Ambassador in Moscow to the Soviet Government. Sir E. Ovey was to have left London en route to Moscow yesterday, but the cancellation of the "Channel" steamer services, owing to the storm, necessitated a postponement.—British Wireless Service.

BIRTHDAY OF TOC H

Mass Meeting in Albert Hall

SIMPLE RITUAL

London, Friday.
A three day festival on the occasion of the fourteenth birthday of Toc H was ushered in at a mass meeting at the Albert Hall, where 10,000 people paid a most impressive tribute, by a one-minute silence, to "our elder brethren" those veterans who tramped the shell-swept road from Ypres, to find cheer and comfort in the Talbot House at Poperinghe.

The minute's silence ended by a low murmur, which gradually gained volume till it became the voice of a multitude vowing "we will remember them." The simple ritual was conducted by the Rev. P. T. B. Clayton, the founder and padre of Toc H since 1915.

One hundred and fifty performers, and a choir of 370 gave the first production of the Christmas mime "At the Sign of the Star."

The Prince of Wales is attending a similar festival at the Albert Hall to-night, and there will be special thanksgiving service in the afternoon at Westminster Abbey and other churches.

There will be special church services again on Sunday. At the Abbey service the banner bearers will pass by the Unknown Soldier's grave, and each man will drop upon it a Flanders poppy.

Service in Abbey
London, Later.

The Toc H thanksgiving service opened at Westminster Abbey when Lord Forster asked the Dean "Sir, bid a blessing on our birthday festival."

The Prince of Wales handed the representatives of various branches wooden crosses from graves of unknown soldiers, to be treasured in their headquarters.

Then, banner-bearers, representing branches all over the world, went in procession round the church. The celebrations culminated in light-hearted gaiety at the Albert Hall, at which the Prince of Wales attended, wearing a Toc H blazer. He announced the purchase of the original Talbot House in Poperinghe by Sir Charles Wakefield, who has presented it to the Toc H. The Prince announced that the endowment fund he launched two years ago now totalled over £100,000.

Referring to efforts of Overseas Commissioners to keep Britons outwardbound in the Toc H movement the Prince declared that their work deserved the co-operation of all the great trading firms.

The Prince then lit forty Lamps of Maintenance for Toc H groups throughout the world which had attained branch status since April.—Reuter.

AGA KHAN WED

Air-lee-Baines, Saturday.
The Aga Khan, head of the world-wide Ismaili Mahomedan Community, was married here this morning in accordance with French law, and Moslem rites to Marie Andreoe O'Brien, daughter of M. Guillaume Caron, a hotel proprietor.—Reuter.

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At 5.15 & 9.15 Full Orchestra

'QUAKE SEQUEL
Bed of the Atlantic
Moved
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Yesterday.
Four cableships are still repairing the breakages to the trans-Atlantic cables caused by the earthquake on November 18. They report that the bed of the Atlantic has been moved, and fishing banks shifted, as a result of the disturbance.
In some cases several breaks have occurred in the same cable, over a distance of one hundred miles.
Four additional cableships are being despatched to assist with the repairs.—Reuter.

REFORM BILL
Fails To Receive Two-Thirds Majority
Vienna, Yesterday.
The National Council passed the third reading of the Constitutional Reform Bill in regard to provisions of which no compromise was reached, and which therefore could not secure the necessary two-thirds majority. It was dropped. It is expected that the Federal Council will approve the Bill on Dec. 10.—Reuter.

SIR C. MONRO
Death of Noted British General
Rugby, Yesterday.
General Sir Charles Monro, who retired recently from the post of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, died yesterday at the age of 69.
He saw service as Commander-in-Chief at the Dardanelles in 1915 and also as Commander-in-Chief in India from 1916 to 1920. He had also held commands in Ireland, on the North West Frontier, and in South Africa.—British Wireless Service.

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